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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Roberta Miller Marsh became Women of the Church Historian of our church in 1961, the same year she condensed and consolidated prior annual reports into the first of two published histories she was to write for the congregation. She served as WOC historian for three more years and then, when in 1974 it was decided to add subsequent years to the 1960 history as a second edition, she again put it all together. In 1984 she assumed the office of WOC historian once more and continued to give that duty her own careful attention to fact and grace of expression until shortly before her death in August 1991. This centennial history is made possible by the work and example of Roberta Marsh; it is highly appropriate that Tom and Karolen Bowman have chosen to honor her memory by giving this anniversary edition to the church. The congregation is deeply grateful to them.

Mrs. Marsh's successor as historian, Sue Clements, wrote the 1992 WOC report and a committee consisting of Margery Edgerton, Nancy Simpson, Lola Knox, Christine McManus and Jane Ogburn has edited and prepared the post-1974 reports into the format established in 1961.

Douglas P. McElwee, whose membership in North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church has included service as elder, teacher, WOC leader and many other roles not as widely known, has written a preface describing the religious context within which one should consider congregational life and work as they affect the individual and the community.

The pictures came from Bill Byers, Sue M. Clements, Edward S. Finley, Elizabeth C. Finley, Mary Elmore Finley, Vania Forehand, Isabella Gibbs, Florence Gwyn, Hilda M. Holder, John W. Hubbard, The Journal-Patriot, Suzy Kerley, Gerald Lankford, Jane Ogburn, Martha B. Nichols, Corinne Faw Sink, Hyla Bynum Sturgill, Janie McDiarmid Thompson, Sam S. Vickery, Edye Williamson, Annie F. Winkler and numerous church cupboards and closets.

In order to include as much information as possible about our church family and its activities, this history has had to report many things in a short and terse fashion; we hope its readers will look upon it as a guide to their own memories of people, events and the influence of the church on their lives. There they will find the true history of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

Jane Carter Ogburn, Chmn.  
Centennial Planning Committee

## PREFACE

The history of any local church must start with its true roots - the church founded upon the disciple Peter's affirmation of faith. When Jesus asked Peter, "Whom do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16: 15) With Peter's statement of belief, the church was born. Jesus said, "Blessed are you - on this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Historically the church has known the embattled powers of evil through the centuries - just as the person, Peter, knew later the evil in himself as he denied his Lord. We, too, know this even as we, individually and corporately, affirm our belief and dependence in Christ, "The son of the living God" and enter into that great fellowship of believers.

The following is a history of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. No figures and no words can describe the far-reaching influence of this church during these past hundred years. Records are important in human undertaking; but the true record of this church, as in all churches, lives in the lives of those who have been touched by the influence of the church and its principles. The ministry of faithful preaching by devout ministers; the teaching of committed teachers in the Sunday Schools; by spiritually directed officers of the church overseeing the temporal affairs - and especially is the church's influence felt in the faithful and godly lives of devoted members of the church. There is a host of stalwart believers, members of this church - past and present - for whom the church has been, and is, the stronghold of their faith: a sure and dependable training ground for belief, a congenial company of believers; a refuge in the stormy gales of life; a joy and fulfillment through all the years. We join all the faithful who, with the Psalmist believe and pray - "Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me." (Psalm 31:3)

The year 1993 marks the hundredth year in the life of this church. The North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church was begun in 1893 as the Martha Gordon Chapel by fourteen members of the Wilkesboro church. It had been impossible to bridge the Yadkin River to accommodate the railroad's access to Wilkesboro. Hence, the town of North Wilkesboro began and grew - and schools, churches and businesses came into being in the new town. We are especially grateful to Roberta Miller Marsh who, as a labor of love and dedication to her Lord and to this church, compiled the history of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church from its beginning in 1893 through 1991. And to Sue Clements who has completed this effort since Roberta's death - bringing this history to the present date.

As we thank God for the leadership in our church, for those stalwart souls we know and have known there - we pray that in the years to come, this church will continue to know His sure guidance - that the North Wilkesboro Church will always be a beacon of blessing.

*"Today as yesterday the same  
Breathe thou on us the sacred flame;  
The paths our valiant fathers trod,  
Help us to find, O' Changeless God.  
Reveal in us anew this hour*

*The love of Christ, His life, His power." (North)*

Douglas P. McElwee

The North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, first known as the Martha Gordon Chapel (after Mrs. Augustus W. Finley), was built and paid for before the actual organization of the Church. Winston-Salem Land Company provided the lot and the prospective members gave the money. Mrs. Finley was one of the largest contributors. The Church was organized following the evening service on July 29, 1893 by a Commission from Concord Presbytery. The following persons were received by the Commission as members of the Church, by letter, from the Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church:

Mr. J. W. Barber  
Mrs. Mary H. Barber  
Miss Nellie Blair  
Miss Tate Blair (now Mrs. R. W. Gwyn, Sr.)  
Mrs. E. S. Blair  
Walter Blair  
J. D. Wilson  
J. Horton Finley  
Mrs. Rebecca M. Finley  
Mrs. Kate Finley  
J. R. Finley  
Mrs. Martha L. Finley  
J. E. Finley  
Miss Bessie Cameron

Mrs. C. G. Pilson, Ruth and Mary Lizzie Pilson, baptized non-communicaants.

From Lenoir: Miss Mary E. Bouchelle, from Summerville Presbyterian Church Mrs. Fannie C. Finley.

At this meeting also two elders and two deacons were elected and installed. They were: J. E. Finley and J. D. Wilson, ruling elders, and J. R. Finley, J. W. Barber, deacons. These men had held the same office in Wilkesboro. The Church was dedicated on the following morning, Sunday, July 30, 1893 at eleven a. m. with Rev. J. A. Ramsey preaching the sermon.

Rev. A. L. Crawford was first supply pastor and supplied the Church until March, 1894. J. E. Finley was elected Clerk of Session. Mrs. Lizzie Trogdon was first person admitted to Church membership upon profession of faith on August 20, 1893. Miss Fannie Cameron and Mr. J. R. Finley were the first couple married after the completion of the Church building. They were married on December 27, 1892. Miss Lucy Finley, daughter of A. A. and Kate Finley, was the first child baptized in the Church on June 16, 1893. Both of these events were before the actual organization of the Church in July, 1893. The Church was transferred from Concord Presbytery to Orange Presbytery in November, 1893. Also in November, 1893, the women of the Church met at the home of Mrs. J. R. Finley, and organized the "Ladies Aid Society of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church" with Miss Mary Ellen Bouchelle as President. Dues were ten cents a month, and they met twice a month in the homes of members. Later it was called "Ladies Aid and Missionary Society."

C. L. Altfather, Seminary Student, served as supply pastor from May 1 to September, 1894. Mrs. J. E. Finley, Mary McCoy Cameron, Arthur Augustus Finley, and Archie Edward Cameron all became members during this time. The first death in the Church circle was J. W. Barber, deacon, who died in September, 1894.

Rev. C. W. Robinson became pastor in 1895 and Mrs. Robinson and daughter, Olivia Kate, were received as members in February, 1895, also Miss Mary Cummings, J. L. Clements, E. S. Blair, C. V. Cummings. In 1895, Mrs. Robinson was President of Ladies Aid.

In 1896, there were two elders, J. R. and J. E. Finley, one deacon, A. A. Finley, twenty-five communicants on roll, two non-resident members, and thirty-four children in Sunday School. J. D. Wilson was first Superintendent of Sunday School. He moved away after a year, and Mr. J. E. Finley became Superintendent. In 1896 the Sunday School conducted a mission Sunday School at Oakwoods, and a Chapel was built. Mr. Robinson preached there once a month and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Finley and Miss Clara Finley went every Sunday afternoon to conduct Sunday School. After about twelve years it was discontinued as some of the most active families moved away. Some of our women, during this time, taught the "three R's" to the people in Oakwoods section, as there were very few schools in Wilkes County at the time. The first Sunday School in North Wilkesboro was held in the Presbyterian Church with many other denominational families attending. There was a Sunday School library as early as 1898.

A Manse was purchased in 1902. Budget then was \$499.68, with sixty-eight communicants on roll and ninety in Sunday school. The Sunday School began sending a collection once a month to Barium Orphanage.

Mr. Robinson sent in his resignation as Pastor of Church to Presbytery in October, 1904. The Church was without a Pastor until February, 1906, when Mr. Robinson was called back as Pastor. Mrs. Robinson died in 1906.

In 1908 there were sixty-eight on roll, ninety in Sunday School, two elders, two deacons. In 1909 Mr. Leonard Vyne was elected an elder, Mr. J. L. Clements and J. R. Caffey, deacons, making three elders, three deacons. The elders were faithful in attending Presbytery, along with the Pastor. The first organization of Young People was in 1909 and they were called the "Willing Workers." They were organized by Miss Clara Finley and Mrs. C. G. Pilson. Their main object was to help support the orphans at Barium Springs. Dues were five cents.

A Young Ladies Missionary Society was organized in 1914 which met once a year with the Ladies Society. In 1914, also, Mr. J. R. Finley became Superintendent when Mr. J. E. Finley resigned, and he held this position until 1937.

In 1915 an Every Member Canvass was held for the first time any record was made. There were now one hundred members on roll, and the total to Benevolence was \$1,151.00.

In 1916 the name of the Woman's Society was changed to "The Woman's Auxiliary." Over a period of time contributions were made by the women to all causes and a bell was bought, hymn books, lamps and chairs, silver communion service, and the women had a large part in the building of the Chapel at Oakwoods.

In 1918 Christian Endeavor Societies were organized under Mrs. A. A. Finley and did splendid work.

In 1919 new elders and deacons were elected: A. A. Finley, J. L. Clements, and C. J. Cate as elders, and M. A. Vickery, E. A. Crutchfield, W. R. Wilkins, and E. G. Finley, deacons. In March of this same year, it was decided to have quarterly communion, the second Sunday in April, July, October, and January.

In 1920, Mrs. A. A. Finley resigned as leader of the Choir. Mrs. C. J.

Cate was appointed leader with Miss Ellen Finley (now Mrs. Lewis Nelson) as assistant. In 1920, also, the two societies of the women merged and the circle plan was adopted, two afternoon circles, a Business Girls' Circle, and a home circle. Later, a colored Woman's Society was organized, composed of women of Beulah Church. In 1920, two Bible Classes in the Sunday School were organized. The Men's Class elected J. L. Clements, President, R. D. Grier, teacher. A request was made in April for the full time of Mr. Robinson, who had also been supplying Elkin and the Wilkesboro Church. Mrs. Cate resigned as organist in 1922, and Mrs. T. B. Finley, was elected Director of the Choir, Miss Ellen Finley, organist. That same year Mr. R. D. Grier, W. H. McNeill and P. M. Williams were elected new deacons.

In 1923 a bark-covered hut was built on Church lot by the Men's Bible Class. It was used for men's meetings, prayer meetings, Women's Auxiliary, Young People's meetings, Scout meetings, and all social gatherings of the Church for many years. The women furnished it with dishes, silver, cooking and serving utensils. Mr. J. E. Finley, elder and Clerk of Session, and one of the charter members of the Church died in October, 1923. The members and friends were saddened by the loss of this leader in the Church. Mr. J. R. Finley was elected Clerk of Session to replace him. In this same year, our Church was changed from Orange to Winston-Salem Presbytery. Mr. Robinson was Moderator at the time of the change.

### Church Roll, December, 1923

Mrs. Tate Blair Gwyn	Charles M. Finley
Henry Blair	Lucy L. Finley
W. F. Blair	T. A. Finley
Mrs. W. F. Blair	Bess C. Finley
Mrs. A. H. Berry	(The late Mrs. W. C. Grier)
Miss Corinne Clements	Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr.
Mrs. B. H. Colvard	Grace Martin Finley
Mrs. J. L. Clements	Mary Horton Finley
Mrs. Mattie Chatham	T. B. Finley
Mr. C. J. Cate	R. G. Finley
Mrs. C. J. Cate	Ellen Finley
Miss Mary Lillie Cate	(Now Mrs. L. M. Nelson)
Miss Emily Cate	A. G. Finley
Robert Cochran	Mrs. Sybil Smoot Finley
Mr. D. J. Carter	Elizabeth Finley
Mrs. D. J. Carter	Kate Cameron Finley
Miss Geraldine Cate	Miss Bessie C. Finley
C. L. Crawford	J. Gordon Forester
Mr. A. A. Cashion	Florine Forester
Mrs. A. A. Cashion	(Now Mrs. Frank Blair)
Miss Kate C. Finley	Lina Forester
Mrs. Rebecca M. Finley	(Now Mrs. Watson Brame)
J. R. Finley	Julia Gwyn Finley
Mrs. J. R. Finley	(Now Mrs. Chalmers McCutcheon)
A. A. Finley	Mrs. Apphia J. Finley
Edward G. Finley	Annie Elizabeth Finley
Mary Louise Finley	Mrs. Grace C. Finley
(The late Mrs. Pat Williams)	Mrs. Ruth Gentry Hudson

Mrs. Margaret G. Coffey	Ronda Neal Pendley
Mrs. Willie C. Gentry	Edmund Robinson
Clara Gentry	Ellen Robinson
Mr. R. D. Grier	W. Hardin Rhodes
Mrs. R. D. Grier	Mary Jane Scarlett
Miss Emma Lee Gentry (Mrs. Harry Summers)	Mrs. Mary Ellen Shook
Maggie E. Kelly	Lucy Shook
Esther Kerr	Edward Shook
Mr. Henry C. Landon	C. S. Stewart
Mrs. Henry C. Landon	Mrs. C. S. Stewart
Katherine Augusta Landon	Miss Varina Taylor
Henry C. Landon, Jr.	Miss Pearl Vesta Taylor
Mary Inez Landon	Miss Mabel Cora Taylor
Freda Landon	John Alma Taylor
Harry Mechem	Leonard Vyne
Mrs. F. C. Forester	Mrs. Leonard Vyne
Mrs. Edna McLean Faw	M. A. Vickery
W. A. McLean	Mrs. M. A. Vickery
Mrs. Kate Watt McCoy	Louise Vyne (Now Mrs. Hugh Bailey)
W. H. McNeill	William W. Vickery
Mrs. Mollie E. McNeill	Louis Melton Vickery
A. R. Ogilvie	W. R. Wilkins
Mrs. Ella Finley Ogilvie	Mrs. W. R. Wilkins
Clara Ogilvie	William K. Wilkins
Mrs. Bessie Ogilvie Foster	P. M. Williams
Mrs. Mary Palmer	Miss Margaret Wright (Total of 102 Members)

In 1924, Mr. E. G. Finley was elected elder, and Mr. Henry C. Landon, Sr. was elected deacon, and the first trustees of the Church were J. E. Finley, J. U. Hayes, A. A. Finley, T. B. Finley, D. J. Carter, and A. G. Finley. This same year, the women became members of Winston-Salem Presbyterial.

In 1925, there were one hundred six members, and the Sunday School enrollment was one hundred forty-eight, the budget \$6,082.00. Mrs. T. B. Finley resigned as Music Director, and Mrs. Gordon Finley replaced her. The first Christian Chataqua was held in 1925, also the first Daily Vacation Bible School. Messrs. Arthur Martin and John Melton, Union Seminary Students, were Pastor's Assistants in summers of 1925 through 1927. Mr. Martin and three Assembly Training School girls had charge of the first Bible School.

In 1929, the Pastor, Mr. Robinson, was ill for some time and John Melton and members of Davidson College YMCA held services. A carpet fund was started by evening circle with other circles helping, and the carpet was laid in the Church in 1929. Mr. Melton conducted the second Bible School, and the Young People held the third and fourth, one in 1931, the other in 1934.

In 1930 the Young People were reorganized by Woman's Auxiliary with Mrs. E. G. Finley as leader and seventeen members. They met in the homes of members. Margaret Wilkins (now Mrs. James Somers of Wilkesboro) was the first President. Mr. S. C. Stewart was elected elder, and Mr. A. R. Ogilvie, T. A. Finley, and Mr. A. G. Finley, elected deacons. The Boy Scouts were formed about 1930 under A. Gordon Finley, Scoutmaster, an

organization of which the Church was very proud, and continues to be. In 1931 the Session took over the Young People with Mrs. E. G. Finley still leader. Junior Young People were formed this year, also, meeting each Sunday evening. An Austin Pipe Organ was placed in Church. This fund was started in 1912. Before this, a small cabinet organ was used which was a gift of Mrs. R. W. Gwyn in memory of her father, Captain E. S. Blair. Mrs. Henry Landon, Jr. was appointed to have charge of the Junior Young People.

In 1932 Miss Clara McNeill gave a piano to Men's Bible Class as a memorial gift to Mr. Robinson. There were one hundred thirty members on roll and one hundred twenty-four in Sunday School. In April, 1932, Presbytery met in our Church. Rev. Ralph Gilliam preached for two months in 1932 during the summer. J. L. Clements, an elder, died during the year. He had labored zealously in the work of the Church, and was a faithful and devoted elder. In 1933 and 1934 Matthew Gilmour and Rufus Morrow served during the summer months as Pastor's Assistants.

We have the names of a number of women who served as President of "Woman's Auxiliary" but some of the dates they served are not listed. Due credit should be given to all these women who served so faithfully in this high office of the women. The following served until 1936: Miss Mary Ellen Bouchelle, Miss Clara Finley, Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Mrs. A. A. Finley, Mrs. Gai-ther Hall, Mrs. T. B. Finley, Mrs. J. L. Clements, Mrs. Gwyn Harper, Mrs. Leonard Vyne, Mrs. E. G. Finley, Mrs. H. C. Landon, 1924-25; Mrs. R. D. Grier, 1926-27; Mrs. J. B. McCoy, 1928-29; Mrs. Louise Finley Williams, 1930-31; Mrs. C. C. Faw, 1932-33; Mrs. S. P. Mitchell, 1934-35; Miss Lucy Finley, 1935-36.

In 1936 the Rev. J. S. Foster preached for several months. Mrs. Edward G. Finley was President of Woman's Auxiliary. Robert Wood Finley was President of the Young People. Mr. J. R. Finley resigned as Superintendent of Sunday School to be effective, April, 1937. In 1936 Mr. Cooper came as Assistant Pastor. Mr. Cooper was graduated from University of North Carolina. For four years he was Principal and Athletic Director of Stuart Robinson High School in Kentucky. In 1933 he received his Bachelor of Divinity at Yale and was student Pastor for three years in Chapel Hill, N. C.

In January, 1937, a Committee was appointed by the Session to reorganize the Sunday School consisting of Mr. Cooper, Mr. J. R. Finley, Mrs. Edward G. Finley. They agreed Church should have Board of Religious Education consisting of five members and the Superintendent. These were Mrs. J. B. McCoy, Mrs. Edward G. Finley, Mr. M. A. Vickery, Blair Gwyn, and Superintendent. Mr. Cooper to serve in 1937 as Superintendent of Sunday School. Also in January, 1937, Rev. J. O. Mann, Director of Religious Education in Synod of North Carolina, conducted a Teacher Training School. Each evening for five days, Mr. Mann devoted these sessions to Sunday School administration, worship, materials, methods of teaching, etc.

When Mrs. E. G. Finley became President of Woman's Auxiliary in 1936, she resigned as leader of the Young People, and Mr. W. C. Grier replaced her. He resigned in 1937, and Mrs. Lewis Vickery succeeded him. Mrs. Gordon Finley became advisor of Junior Young People. Mrs. Gordon Finley resigned as Organist and Mrs. L. M. Nelson replaced her. Mr. E. G. Finley was elected Clerk of Session. There were one hundred fifty-six members, one hundred fifty-five in Sunday School in this year. The first meeting of men of the

Church was held in 1937 at the hut. The Woman's Auxiliary served them supper at twenty-five cents a plate. There were one hundred twenty-five books in library by March, 1937. The library was started by Mr. Cooper and books donated by members of the Church. Book cases were donated by the officers of the Church. We gained eighteen new members during the year and the Men of the Church now number about forty. Mr. Pat Williams, in 1937, had a class room built for Senior boys of which he was the teacher. Four of our boys received Eagle Scout Badges in Scouting: Robert Wood Finley, Paul Haigwood, Pat Williams, Jr., and Joe McCoy, Jr. Blair Gwyn was Assistant Scoutmaster and A. Gordon Finley, Scoutmaster. A Junior Choir was organized under Mrs. Gordon Finley. George Ogilvie was President of the Young People in 1937 and 1938.

The Reverend Mr. Robinson, beloved Pastor, died on January 11, 1938, after forty three years as Pastor of this Church. Mr. A. A. Finley and Mr. Leonard Vyne, elders, in their Resolution of Respect, quoted a poet who wrote:

“An old man traveling in the twilight dim  
Came at eventide cold and gray  
To a chasm, vast, deep and wide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
That sullen stream had no fears for him.  
But he turned when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to stem that tide.  
“My friend, said a fellow traveler near,  
You're wasting strength in building here  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge in your eventide?”  
The builder lifted his old gray head,  
“My friend, in the path I've come today, he said  
There follows after me a youth;  
This Chasm that has been as naught to me,  
To that fair haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim  
My friend, I am building this bridge for him.”

This poem to them very vividly portrayed the life of Mr. Robinson. His life was that of a constructive builder. I'm sure they spoke for the congregation when they said in their Resolution, “We thank God for the privilege of having been permitted to live under his ministry, for his wise and loving guidance, and for privilege of having known and loved him.” Mr. Robinson was eighty-nine years old and since November, 1935, had been in ill health but was determined not to give up. In 1936, he was some better and preached frequently, his last sermon being on September 12, 1937. His life and his record, though spanning the greater part of a century, cannot be measured in figures or words.

At a call meeting of congregation on February 13, 1938, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Assistant Pastor, was unanimously extended a call as Pastor, with the use of the Manse. In the two years Mr. Cooper had been here as Assistant Pastor, he had endeared himself to all the members, and it was with a great feeling of joy to everybody when he accepted the call and was installed on April 3, 1938 in a very impressive service by Dr. J. R. Cunningham and Dr.

McAlpine from Winston-Salem, Rev. R. H. Stone of Jefferson, and Elder Charles M. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. A. A. Finley died in March, 1938, at seventy-eight years of age. Mr. Finley had a part in the town's formation, growth and development, and was its first Mayor. He helped organize the Bank of North Wilkesboro and was a Vice President. He helped organize the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church and was one of its most consecrated members. He was sorely missed.

In 1938 Mr. Lewis Vickery was elected Superintendent of Sunday School. Bob McCoy became the fifth Eagle Scout in our Church in two years. Mr. M. A. Vickery and P. M. Williams were elected elders and A. A. Cashion, D. J. Carter, L. M. Nelson, Blair Gwyn, and Lewis Vickery were elected deacons. Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Jr. was President of Woman's Auxiliary and eighty members were on roll in this organization. Mrs. E. G. Finley became advisor to the Junior Young People of the Church. Sam Vickery was President of Winston-Salem Presbytery Young Peoples League. Miss Julia Gwyn Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley finished Assembly's Training School.

To begin a week of religious emphasis, the Rev. E. M. Caldwell, D. D. of Tallahassee, Florida, preached twice on Sunday, July 3, and the Rev. Joe H. Carter, of Anderson, S. C., assisted in series of meetings for a week. He spoke each morning to children in Vacation Bible School (going on at the same time and each evening to a large congregation.

In 1938 the Church was well organized in all departments, the Sunday School was organized along departmental lines and operated under Board of Religious Education. There were one hundred seventy members and the total amount of money raised for benevolences and current expenses of the Church was greater than any year in history of the Church. Our Church ranked third in Presbytery in churches of its size, in benevolent askings, and was always interested in benevolent causes and extension work. The Manse had quite a bit of improvement made on it, and a "pounding" was given to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper during the year. Gifts of linen, china, towels, and food were given by members of the congregation.

Bronze Tablet and organ chimes were given as Memorial to Mr. Robinson in appreciation of his ministry. The tablet was placed just inside the auditorium. Mr. J. R. Finley, who was associated with Mr. Robinson in his ministry with church for forty-three years, in his remarks at Memorial Service said, "I would ask that whenever you see this tablet and hear the chimes, which we dedicate this day to his memory, your heart may be filled with love and sympathy for those in need, so that our lives to some extent may continue this blessed influence that he started in this community. He walked with God."

In 1939 a congregation meeting was held in February, for purpose of discussing and making plans for a building program to meet the religious educational needs of the Church. The congregation felt a new Church building was also needed. A Finance Committee composed of R. G. Finley, Leonard Vyne, E. G. Finley, D. J. Carter, A. G. Finley, Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie, Mrs. E. G. Finley and Mr. A. A. Cashion was appointed to canvass the congregation and find out the wishes in this matter, and make plans of subscriptions to building program.

In 1939 Miss Margaret Hansel was Advisor to Young People with Mrs. Paul Cashion assistant. Miss Corinne Faw was President of Young People. Henry Landon, III, was sixth Eagle Scout from our Church. Miss Jeannie

Ogilvie became Advisor to Junior Young People. A Young Adult Forum was organized with Edward S. Finley as leader. The circles of Woman's Auxiliary were increased from four to six circles with a Home Circle and a Colored Circle.

In January, 1940 plans were submitted and approved for new Religious Education Building. The work was started on it early in 1940. In March, as a part of an Evangelistic Crusade being held all over the Southern Presbyterian Church, Dr. E. N. Caldwell of Tallahassee, Florida was our visiting minister for a week of special services. A Sunday School was started by the Pastor at 2:30 p. m. on a Sunday afternoon at the Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, which had been closed for a number of years. An Outpost Sunday School was started also by the Young Adult Group with Carl Van Deman as Superintendent. Mrs. W. J. Bason was President of Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. E. G. Finley, Advisor for the Young People of the Church. George Ogilvie was President of the Young People of the Winston-Salem Presbytery. Robert McCoy was President of our Local Young People.

The Cornerstone of the new Religious Education Building was laid on Sunday, October 6, 1940. Mr. J. R. Finley, for twenty-five years Superintendent of Sunday School, made a talk and laid the cornerstone. Mr. Finley placed a history of the Church, membership roll and a copy of that day's bulletin in the cornerstone. Special music numbers, a brief talk by the Pastor, reception of new members, and a brief message from present Superintendent, Lewis Vickery, was also part of the service. This handsome building was built of native stone at cost of \$30,000 and can accommodate an enrollment of about five hundred. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley, in memory of Mr. Finley's father, and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Finley, furnished the Intermediate Department of Sunday School with about seventy chairs, three tables and a piano. This was much appreciated. Many of the other members helped furnish the Sunday School and new Religious Education Building. The Auxiliary gave six sets of twenty books to a set, of Bible Story readers to the Elementary School of North Wilkesboro. The Auxiliary also voted the money necessary to furnish the Ladies Parlor of new building, and in 1941 furnished it attractively and were proud of their achievement. The hut, which had long been in use behind Church was given to Beulah Presbyterian Church (Colored Home Mission Church here in North Wilkesboro) when the new building was in use. The material in this hut saved much money when Beulah built a Manse for their Pastor. During the years we notice that adults in the Church took an active part at the Senior and Junior Young Peoples meetings, with an adult, men and women, as the speakers for their programs Sunday after Sunday.

In 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Pat Williams gave enough equipment for a whole department of the new Religious Education Building. The members of the congregation were very generous in response for help in furnishing this equipment. Mr. A. Gordon Finley and Mr. D. J. Carter were elected elders in 1941. The rotation system of deacons was adopted at a congregational meeting and R. G. Finley, C. F. Adamson and Carl Van Deman were elected as new deacons. A Nursery Department for children up to age of four was started in spring of 1941. Woodlawn Community House was erected and furnished by cooperative effort of the three downtown Churches in July, 1941. The need for a building was apparent when as many as two hundred children would gather in a grove for afternoon Sunday School class. Mr. Cooper was

General Chairman of the Finance Committee, and many of our members helped with this project, contributing much in time and money to make this work a success. The Presbyterian Young People conducted a Sunday School and Bible School there and Mrs. J. L. Clements spent three afternoons a week at the Community House. Thomas Faw was President of the Young People in 1941, Mr. Carl Van Deman head of the Young Adult Forum. Picnics for the entire Church were held at Bluff Park (now Doughton Park) every year for many years with a fine afternoon and evening of fellowship and vesper services on top of the mountains. The last few years it has been more advisable to meet here in North Wilkesboro at Smoot Park for a larger crowd, but they still mean a lot to the congregation. Open House was held in May, 1941, to show the new Education Building to members of the congregation and community. Mr. Robert Wood Finley became Scoutmaster, replacing Mr. A. G. Finley who had served in this capacity for several years. George Ogilvie was President of Winston-Salem Presbyterial Young People League and Sam Vickery was Vice President of Synod's Young People's League.

In 1942 when Robert Wood Finley went into service, A. G. Finley again became Scoutmaster with R. S. Gibbs, Cubmaster. Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie was President of Woman's Auxiliary. Joe Clements was President of Young People. Mrs. Blair Gwyn, Jeannie Ogilvie, Mrs. E. G. Finley, and Miss Emily McCoy were Advisors to Young People at different times during 1942. Miss Clara Ogilvie, Advisor to Junior Young People.

Our local ministers formed a Ministerial Association for the first time and elected Rev. Watt M. Cooper, our Pastor, as Chairman. This is still active and our ministers have a fine relationship with each other. Mrs. E. G. Finley became the new Librarian. In the year of 1942 our people subscribed generously to a fund sponsored by the Churches for the teaching of Bible in the public schools.

Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., presented the Church a portrait of the Rev. C. W. Robinson, former Pastor. Portrait was painted by Mrs. R. L. Gwyn and Mr. J. R. Finley accepted it for the congregation. Church membership has grown from one hundred forty-two members in 1936 to two hundred forty-one in 1942. Miss Jeannie Ogilvie entered Assembly's Training School. In December, 1942, Mr. Cooper resigned to report for duty as Chaplain in the Navy. Farewell supper was given the Coopers with toasts of appreciation and a monetary gift. In a Personality of the Week Profile in local paper, Mr. Cooper was the Personality, and quoting the paper, "Mr. Cooper preaches one afternoon a month at Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, conducts Outpost at Woodlawn Community Center, interested in Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Pythias, in addition to his regular Pastorate. A prominent lay member of another Church in North Carolina was heard once to say, 'Mr. Cooper is one of the most scholarly preachers in all this section of the state!'" It was with regret that we "Loaned" Mr. Cooper to this very worthy and necessary work, but it was with the knowledge that the consecration and ability of Mr. Cooper would contribute much to the spiritual good of our Navy, and with highest appreciation of the fine work he had done since he had been with us, we accepted his resignation.

Mr. Gordon Forester became Scoutmaster in December, 1942, replacing A. Gordon Finley, who had been elected District Commissioner.

In 1943 Rev. Louis J. Yelangin served as supply pastor for six months. Rev. Sidney Crane, young graduate of Union Theological Seminary was called

as supply pastor for the duration of the war. Rev. P. J. Garrison, Pastor of George W. Lee Memorial Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, Rev. J. W. Witherspoon of First Presbyterian Church in Lexington; Rev. R. L. Berry of Sparta Presbyterian Church; Mr. Allen M. Craig, one of our Missionaries to Belgian Congo, installed Mr. Crane. A reception was given to welcome Mr. Crane in June, 1943, and another one when he brought back his bride in September. In 1943, George Ogilvie was under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry. Sam Ogilvie took over as Advisor to Senior Young People.

In 1944 Devotional Booklets were sent by the Auxiliary to men and women from our Church in service. Newsletters were sent to them from the Men in the Church. The members of our Church felt the heavy impact of the war, both in terms of personal burdens of sorrow and concern over loved ones, and in increased duties and work at home. Two families who lost loved ones were especially in the hearts and prayers of the congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Finley, who lost their son, Robert Wood, and Mrs. Irene Meade, who lost her son, Lewis.

Mrs. Gordon Finley was elected President of Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Vice-President of Presbyterial, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Chairman of Christian Social Service in Presbyterial, Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Group Chairman and Mrs. Bess G. Finley Grier, Secretary of Barium in Synodical. Scoutmaster in 1944 was Boyd Stout.

February 20, 1944, was day of celebration—the paying in full of the note and deed of trust of \$16,000 for the Religious Education Building. To have built and paid for a building of such proportions in less than five years was a great accomplishment. Mrs. Watt M. Cooper joined us while Mr. Cooper was in service and helped burn the last note of this loan. Mr. M. A. Vickery, who assisted Mrs. Cooper with the burning of the note remarked, "It was paid off slow, and it burns slow," but we were still proud on this day.

Mr. John Leyshon and Mr. Sam Ogilvie were elected and installed as deacons in 1944. Sue Landon was President of Young People. In the summer of 1944 there was a polio epidemic, and the children were not allowed to come to Sunday School or any public gathering. The Church felt the loss of the bright and smiling faces of the children and were glad to welcome them back in September. Daphne Gibson became President of the Young People in fall of 1944 and Mrs. Sidney Crane was the Advisor.

A reception was given in honor of Chaplain and Mrs. Cooper upon Mr. Cooper's return to the states from the South Pacific. A large group of friends gathered to greet them, and wish him well on his assignment in the States.

Rev. Sidney Crane resigned to become Chaplain in Army in January, 1945 after a year and a half as supply pastor. Rev. Louis J. Yelangin was again elected as supply pastor for six months beginning March, 1945. There were two hundred thirty on roll in 1945. Mr. Boyd Stout was elected a deacon in 1945. On rotation system of deacons, two members to be retired every year and each new member shall be elected for four years. Mr. Lewis Vickery resigned as Superintendent of Sunday School after nine years. Miss Elizabeth Finley has served as Secretary of Sunday School for seven years, and will continue to serve in this capacity. Mrs. W. J. Bason became the first woman to be elected as Superintendent of Sunday School, replacing Mr. Vickery. A reception was held in April honoring new members in the Church and members who had been in the Church over thirty years. The eldest member of the Auxiliary, Mrs. A. H. Berry, died during the year. Messrs. A. A.

Cashion, T. A. Finley and A. R. Ogilvie were elected elders in 1945, and R. S. Gibbs was elected a deacon. Carolyn Ogilvie was President of Young People, with Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Adult Advisor. Mrs. Thomas Templeton came for the summer months to work in the Church. She gave half of her time to Outpost work (Woodlawn) and other half to Church. Miss Helen Price became Advisor to Young People later in the year. A Junior Choir was organized in 1945 with Mrs. Templeton, Director, and Miss Mary Louise Clements, Accompanist. Phil Mitchell received his Eagle Scout Medal in 1945, Gordon Finley, Jr. also. Miss Lucy Finley was made Church Correspondent to assist Pastor.

A call was extended to Rev. Watt M. Cooper to become Pastor of our Church again, whenever he was released from Service. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper returned to us in December, 1945. We appreciated the fine work of Mr. Yelangin during his supply pastorate. A reception was held in November in honor of the Pastor and his wife, and in December Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were welcomed back with a social hour sponsored by Woman's Auxiliary.

Mr. Dan J. Carter, beloved member, elder, trustee, prominent business man, and in our Church since 1937, died suddenly.

In 1946 a meeting was held early in the year to discuss plans for continuing our building program. This was to set up some general plans of procedure. The Young Adult Class, which was disbanded during the war, was reorganized in January, 1946. The installation of Mr. Cooper, as Pastor, was held on Sunday evening, February 10. Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Rev. Louis J. Yelangin, Rev. O. V. Caudill, Elder L. N. Cashion, participated in this service.

Mrs. Watt M. Cooper and Mrs. Ralph Buchan became the advisors for the Intermediate-Senior Young People. The Young People of Winston-Salem Presbytery held rally at our Church in April, 1946, with more than two hundred present. Gordon Finley, Jr. was elected President of Presbytery and Carolyn Ogilvie, Secretary. In 1946, the congregation began taking the Sacraments in unison—waiting until all have been served. This was found to add more significance to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Mrs. L. M. Nelson was elected Director of Music in this year, and Cecil Adamson and Blair Gwyn were re-elected deacons. These two men had been serving as deacons, but while in service, they had been replaced.

The Findings Committee at a Congregational Meeting held in April, 1946, brought before the people a plan for proposed new Church building, and the congregation unanimously adopted plans and voted to proceed with campaign to raise necessary funds.

Gordon Forester replaced Boyd Stout as Scoutmaster, with Edward S. Finley, Assistant. Carl Van Deman became Superintendent of Sunday School and Mrs. Bess Gordon Finley Grier, President of Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Mary Louise Clements was in charge of Bible School, and also worked on part time basis with the Church, with special emphasis on music among the children.

The following is a list made in 1945 of our servicemen who served during the war and the fields they served in:

**European Front**—S-Sgt. Roy T. Cashion, Cpl. W. N. Eddinger, Major Edward S. Finley, S-Sgt. W. B. Gwyn, Capt. R. W. Gwyn, Jr., Capt. W. H. McElwee, Sgt. W. F. McNeill, Sgt. Howard B. Meade, Robert A. Meade SF 1-c, Pfc. Howard L. Morton, Cpl. Woodrow Neely, S-Sgt. George M. Ogilvie, Capt.

Albert Radford, T-5 Marvin R. Warren, Lt. Pat M. Williams, Jr.

Pacific Front—Lt. Shelton C. Canter, Pfc. Neil G. Cashion, Pvt. Calvin McLaughlin, A. A. Phifer S 1-c, John H. Winkler, SF 2-c.

In U. S. A.—Major Cecil F. Adamson, Lt. Col. Henry T. Blair, Joe L. Clements GM 3-c, Carl Gwyn Coffey S 2-c, Chaplain Watt M. Cooper, Charles S. Eddinger HA 1-c, S-Sgt. C. C. Faw, Jr., Pfc. Thomas M. Faw, J. C. Forester SK 3-c, Lester Atwood Gudget S 1-c, Glenn S. Winters S 2-c, Henry C. Landon, III, Lt. Joseph McCoy, Cadet Robert W. McCoy, Pfc. Donald McDiarmid, Pfc. Edward McNeill, Wayne Myers ART 3-c, Cpl. Louise Vyne Tait, Sgt. Robert G. Taylor, Jr., WO Samuel Bruce Vickery, Sgt. Samuel S. Vickery, Pfc. Charles J. Williams.

Honorably Discharged—Lt. Henry C. Landon, Jr., 2nd Lt. Carl Buchan, Major Edmund P. Robinson.

Killed in Service—Cpl. Lewis Meade, Capt. Robert Wood Finley.

In 1946, a Eell and Howell moving picture projector was purchased. Blair Gwyn became Superintendent of Sunday School. Sam Vickery and Corinne Faw, Advisors to Young People. W. C. Grier, L. S. Spainhour, Dr. H. B. Smith were elected deacons on rotation system. Mrs. Willie Gentry and Mrs. T. B. Finley died during the year. Mrs. Finley was a former President of Woman's Auxiliary, Music Director, and splendid worker in every department.

In summer of 1947, Corinne Faw was in charge of Bible School. The Glade Valley Building Fund Campaign started in our Church during the year. \$1,600.00 towards this received by June, 1947. A Children's Choir was organized under Miss Mary Louise Clements. In December, 1947, the Building Fund was growing, and architects plans were being completed. \$56,540.00 was either paid in or promised. Leonard Vyne, long an elder in the Church, died in December.

In 1948 W. C. Grier and L. M. Nelson were elected elders, and Gilbert Bare, deacon. In April, we had three hundred members on roll. On April 11, 1948, the last service in old Church building was held. It had served the needs of the congregation for more than fifty-four years, from sixteen members to three hundred. I'm sure on this last day in the Church before it was torn down, there was some sadness and lots of memories, but a feeling of rejoicing also that the increase in membership and more people moving into North Wilkesboro made it necessary to have larger and better facilities for worship. \$15,303.33 had been paid in Building Fund, \$33,115.00 contributed to Glade Valley. Our Church ranked seventh among Churches in Assembly of comparable size in per capita gifts to benevolence. A committee was appointed to make recommendation for re-burial of remains of Chapman Gordon, who had been buried under pulpit of old Church and whose body had been taken up for excavation of new auditorium. The Committee recommended the remains be put under the main entrance to new auditorium. The descendants of Mr. Gordon erected a suitable marker as a memorial to their ancestor.

Work on new Church building began in April, 1948, under supervision of A. A. Cashion, elder in our Church. A. Gordon Finley was Purchasing Agent, W. Blair Gwyn, Bookkeeper, Mr. E. G. Finley and Mr. C. D. Coffey, Jr., Advisory Committee on construction. Mr. E. G. Finley was also Chairman of the Building Committee. No overall contract was let. It was to be Gothic in design and built of native stone. Dr. Henry E. Tralle was Consultant, and Mr. R. R. Markley, Architect. Volunteers from Church on Wednesday after-

noons and Saturday mornings helped with the construction, also some of the Young People.

Lewis Mann Nelson was President of the Young People, Mrs. T. A. Finley, President of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Carl Coffey, Librarian. Corinne Faw became part-time Director of Religious Education in June and July, and Director of the Bible School for this year. Miss Sara Dixon finished at Assembly Training School. Mrs. W. C. Grier, (Bess Gordon Finley) wife of elder, and active in Woman's Auxiliary, having been President and held many other offices, died in fall of 1948.

In 1949 Miss Ruth King Wood of Abingdon, Virginia, was secured as Director of Religious Education. Miss Wood was a graduate of Assembly Training School. Pioneers (eleven - fourteen) were organized under Sam Vickery and Corinne Faw to meet on Saturday evenings at seven o'clock. New deacons elected in 1949 were Edward S. Finley, Joe S. Zimmerman, and Paul Cashion. Trustees of the Church were now A. Gordon Finley, C. D. Coffey, Jr. and W. C. Grier. The Cornerstone of Religious Education Building was changed to include the Sanctuary and was inscribed, "First Presbyterian Church, Religious Education Building 1940, Sanctuary 1949." The carpenters working on new building contributed over a hundred dollars toward metal staircase leading to balcony. The Primary Department of Sunday School contributed \$100 to the Building Fund.

First of Church's Family Nights was held with eighteen teachers and young people from Stuart Robinson School in Kentucky as our guests. They gave demonstrations of folk games for which they are famous. Our Young People made a trip three times to this School in Kentucky. Mr. Ralph Buchan, Superintendent of Sunday School in 1949; Johnny Winkler, President of Young People; Mr. R. N. Wooten, Scoutmaster; Paul Cashion, President of Men of the Church. A Vacation Bible School was held at Outpost (Woodlawn) with Miss Wood as Principal and other churches participating. A large number of our women assisted in this work.

The first service in new Sanctuary was held September 11, 1949. Sharing the pulpit with the Pastor were Elders E. G. Finley and A. A. Cashion. Mr. Finley was Chairman of Building Committee, and Mr. Cashion, Supervisor. Mr. Cashion had given every day of past eighteen months to supervision of this work, and saved the Church many thousands of dollars. We gave thanks to our God for his guidance and strength in the building of this Sanctuary. It had been planned with view of meeting the needs of our people for many generations. "Except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that built it." We rejoiced in worshiping in our new Church, but it was with deep regret that we soon lost our Pastor and his family from our Church and Community to the large nine hundred member Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Mecklenburg County. During Mr. Cooper's pastorate, our Church grew in membership from one hundred forty-nine to three hundred ten and budget increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000, Religious Education Building erected at cost of \$36,000, new Sanctuary at \$116,000. Full time Director of Religious Education employed, and many other noteworthy events that have already been recorded. Mr. Cooper left us in middle of October. A reception was held for the Coopers before they left. Our sincere appreciation, love and best wishes went with them in their new field of service. Pulpit Committee was elected consisting of W. C. Grier, L. M. Nelson, Blair Gwyn, Edward S. Finley, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. J. B. McCoy, Don Coffey, III, Gordon Forester, Jr., Miss

Norma Stevenson, Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Miss Corinne Faw, and Sam Ogilvie.

The first children to be baptized in our new Church were Robert Wallace Vickery, Anita Burke Ford, Dorothy Plonk McElwee, John McLaughlin Van Deman, Elizabeth Carol Deal, Paul Robert Gwyn, Jane Mason, and Neil Rainey Vickery. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sink, Jr. (former Corinne Faw) were the First couple to be married in the new Sanctuary.

Miss Mary Lena Colvard and Gordon Ogilvie were Advisors to Young People in 1949, Bobby Wooten was President of Pioneer Fellowship. Woman's Auxiliary changed to Women of the Church, and the Session voted that we would go by First Presbyterian Church.

Some of the visiting ministers we had while we were without a Pastor were: Rev. George Staples, who preached several times; Professor Henry A. Bauman, Assistant Professor of Bible at Davidson; Rev. Louis J. Yelangin (also several times); Dr. C. Gregg Singer, Professor of History at Salem College; Rev. Hunter Blakely, President of Queens College; Rev. Walter Lingle, President-Emeritus of Davidson; Mr. Leo K. Pritchett, Professor of History at Appalachian State Teachers College; Rev. Dan T. Caldwell, D.C.E. for Synod of North Carolina; Rev. Bernard E. Bain, Superintendent of Presbyterian Orphans' Home, Lynchburg, Virginia; Rev. George Ogilvie, son of congregation, and Rev. W. R. Smith, III, from the YMCA at Davidson College.

In 1950 organ was installed in January. A new Ladies Sunday School Class was organized with Mrs. Gilbert Bare, President; Mrs. L. H. Snyder, Teacher. The other Ladies Bible Class had Miss Clara Ogilvie as teacher; Mrs. Irene Meade, President.

Mr. J. R. Finley died in March. He was North Wilkesboro's first merchant and first Postmaster, Past President of Kiwanis, a leader and charter member of this Church and was senior elder at time of his death. In Church and in town Mr. Finley held many positions of leadership. He will be sorely missed.

Mrs. L. H. Snyder elected President of Women of the Church; Sam Vickery, Superintendent of Sunday School; Gordon Forester, Jr., President of Young People; Charles Summers, President of Pioneers; Don Coffey, Scoutmaster. Woodlawn Bible School held again with three Churches cooperating. Miss Sara Dixon left for mission field of Mexico, with our Church paying half of her support. John Winkler and Gordon Forester, Jr. achieved rank of Eagle Scout. Mrs. L. S. Spainhour now assisting Mr. Sam Vickery with the Pioneers. Mrs. Pat Williams, Sr. (Louise Finley) died in July. She had been a faithful member who gave generously of her time and money. Other visiting ministers who preached for us during this time without a Pastor were: Rev. Norman Cook, Richmond, Virginia, Director of Department of Administration of Board of Education of Presbyterian Church; Rev. R. T. L. Liston, President of King's College in Brighton, Tennessee; Rev. R. M. Cochran of Monroe, N. C.; Rev. E. H. Gartrell, Jr., Missionary Candidate for Korea.

Rev. James B. MacLeod of Sharon Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. was extended a call and accepted, to be Pastor of our Church. He preached his first sermon on September 3, 1950, and was installed at the evening service on that date. Dr. John R. Cunningham, President of Davidson College; Rev. John R. McAlpine, First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, N. C.; Elder Charles M. Norfleet of First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. were here to install Mr. MacLeod. A reception was given later to welcome Mr.

and Mrs. MacLeod and their two children, Suzanne and James. The members of the Ministerial Association and their wives were additional guests.

Sam Vickery became Scoutmaster in fall, and Bill Meade was President of Pioneers.

Our Church presented a Living Tableau of the Nativity on the Church lawn for two evenings, twice each evening at Christmas. It was a big undertaking and revealed true spirit of Christmas to many people.

In 1951 two of our young men were taken under care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. Don Coffey, III, seminary student, and John Gibbs, junior at Davidson College. Glenn McNeill, Matthew Meade, Gordon Ogilvie, Dr. Robert Taylor, Sam Vickery, and Pat Williams, Jr. were elected deacons. Miss Sarah McNeill, area worker, representing Synod's Committee on Religious Education, was here for four days to have charge of a clinic for our Church School. She led our officers and teachers in evaluating their teaching job, discussed problems, and planned for the future. It was well attended. Mr. Robin Wooten replaced Sam Vickery as Superintendent of Sunday School. Mrs. Robert Taylor, Jr. assisted Gordon Ogilvie as Advisor of Youth Fellowship. Joanne Sprinkle, President of Youth Fellowship; Anne Smith, President of Pioneers. Joanne Sprinkle elected Vice-President of Presbytery Council. Our Director of Religious Education was installed as Co-Adult Advisor of Council for second year.

It was with a deep feeling of regret and loss that we marked the passing of Mr. A. R. Ogilvie, elder and Spiritual leader of the Church.

Through efforts of Mr. Matthew Meade, Mr. Wayne Myers, Mr. Robert S. Gibbs, and the Pastor, a carrier current system was designed primarily for purpose of extending the ministry of our Church to the homes of members who were unable to come to Church. This was a great service to the members to be able to hear the services each Sunday while at home. Station WKBC of North Wilkesboro continued to broadcast our services in rotation with the other Churches of the Wilkesboros. The Board of Religious Education was changed to be composed of one elder for a two year term and to serve as Chairman, Chairman of Christian Education of Women of the Church, Assistant Superintendent, two members from Church at large, all to serve for two years, the Pastor, Superintendent, Director of Religious Education as ex-of-ficio members.

Mrs. D. J. Carter elected Treasurer of Women of the Church of Winston-Salem Presbyterial. Carole Bare elected President of Pioneers.

The Christmas Tableau was again presented this year with Mrs. R. G. Finley again as Director. A great number of people came to enjoy this presentation.

Mrs. C. S. Harrington of Houston, Texas and prominent leader in the Presbyterian Church of the U. S., and a delegate to Amsterdam Conference, spoke to Women of the Church, men of the Church, and other interested friends from Church and community in January, 1952. Carl Van Deman was President of Men of the Church, Ralph Buchan, President of Men's Bible Class.

Elder Gordon Finley died suddenly in January, 1952. Mr. Finley was leading businessman and active in all phases of the work of the Church. He was made a deacon in 1930, an elder in 1941, and one of the first trustees of Church. He was active in building program of the Church, and was the first Scoutmaster. Mr. Finley will always be remembered by those who knew him.

W. Blair Gwyn, Sam Ogilvie, Boyd Stout, Carl Van Deman were elected elders, W. H. McElwee elected Trustee. Mrs. Robert Gibbs served as Organist at this time, with Mrs. Lewis Nelson, Director of Music. Bobby Wooten was President of the Young People. Miss Norma Stevenson became the President of the Women of the Church. Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mrs. D. J. Carter, Mrs. Carl Van Deman were Presbyterial Officers. A morning circle was started for the first time. Hyatt Gibbs received the God and Country Award in Scouting.

Dr. Joe H. Carter, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Newton, N. C., held series of special services for week of May 11-16. Dr. Carter was a former Pastor of Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, and our Church benefitted greatly by his ministry with us. Miss Ruth King Wood resigned as Director of Religious Education to become the wife of C. Don Coffey, III, Seminary Student from our Church. Miss Amanda Smith was welcomed as her successor. Miss Smith was a recent graduate of Flora McDonald College.

Our Church took over the spiritual supervision of Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, which was about to be dissolved, and helped try to re-activate interest in its members.

Mrs. Edward Runnion and Gordon Finley, Jr., became Advisors to Senior High Fellowship. Robin Winkler was President of Pioneers, Miss Eloise Williams (now Mrs. Ed Gilreath) and Robin Wooten, Advisors to Pioneers. Mr. Sam Vickery and Mrs. L. S. Spainhour had served faithfully for several years as Advisors to the Pioneers, and Gordon Ogilvie to the Seniors. Edward S. Finley became Superintendent of Sunday School.

The third Annual Living Tableau with some changes was again presented at Christmas. It continued to draw large crowds.

In 1953 the Women of the Church purchased a lovely green carpet for the Sanctuary. The Primary Department in Sunday School is to be commended for having had this carpet fund as their special project for several years.

It was with spirit of joy and thanksgiving that we dedicated our lovely new Church building on April 12, 1953. The Church was relieved of its indebtedness early in 1953. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, former Pastor of the Church, and now Pastor of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Mecklenburg County, brought the dedicatory sermon. It was under the leadership of Mr. Cooper that the work of building the Sanctuary was begun and completed. The Presentation and acceptance of the Sanctuary Key, H. B. Smith for the Diaconate, A. A. Cashion, for the Session; James B. MacLeod for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Luncheon was served to members of the congregation, guests, visitors, and all who worshipped with us on this memorable day.

Mrs. L. M. Nelson resigned as Minister of Music. Mrs. Nelson for a number of years most unselfishly spent her time and energy in building up our ministry of music and in leading our faithful choir. Miss Mary Louise Clements substituted during summer months, and in July was elected Minister of Music. Miss Clements received her Master of Arts degree in Music Education at Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee and was baptized and reared in this Church. Kay Forester, President of Pioneers, Gordon Finley, Jr., Scoutmaster. Mr. Robin Wooten, Advisor to Pioneers, was drowned following an accident while fishing in 1953, and we were indeed saddened by his untimely end. He was Principal of the High School here, and had been an active and faithful Church member in short time he was here. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ogilvie became Pioneer Advisors, and Miss Billye Jo Zimmerman (now Mrs. Rob-

ert Furches) and Paul Cashion, Advisors to Seniors. Miss Amanda Smith, Director of Religious Education, resigned to be married, and Miss Eleanor Godfrey accepted the call to be Director of Religious Education. Miss Godfrey, a former resident of Winston-Salem, has long been associated with work of this Presbytery, especially with the young people, and we felt indeed fortunate to secure her.

Dr. James Appleby, Director of Field Work of Union Theological Seminary, conducted our week of special services this year. New deacons elected were Ralph Buchan, John Robert Church, William McElwee and Staton McIver. The Christmas Tableau was presented for the fourth straight year.

In 1954, Mrs. Pat Williams, Sr., (Effie) was President of Women of the Church. Presbyterial Officers were Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., Mrs. Robert Taylor, Jr., Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, Mrs. L. M. Nelson. At the beginning of 1954, there were three hundred seven members on roll of Church. Hyatt Gibbs was President of Senior High, Rita Summers, President of Pioneers. Boyd Stout was Superintendent of Sunday School. Mr. W. C. Grier was teacher of the Women's Class, Mrs. Edward G. Finley continued teacher of Vanguard Class, and the Men's Class elected their own teachers, having several a year.

At a congregational meeting in February, congregation authorized Building Committee to complete construction of the Church in the basement at estimated cost of \$30,000.

Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer, President-elect of Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Virginia, and former Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., conducted our week of special services in March, 1954. It was truly a week of spiritual enrichment.

A Weekday Church Kindergarten was started in the fall of 1954 with Miss Doris Searcy (now Mrs. Robert Berry) as Director-Teacher. It was sponsored by our Church, and was a great service to the Church and community. The enrollment was, and continues to be, around twenty-two to twenty-five. Jimmy Spainhour, President of Pioneers, Staton McIver, Superintendent of Sunday School. Mrs. Edward Runnion, Girl Scout Leader. There were three hundred ten communicants on roll at end of year. The job of refinishing the basement was completed.

The death of Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie in 1955 climaxed many years of service for the Lord in the Church and among her friends. She was truly one of the most inspired and devoted members of our Church.

Mrs. Patsy B. Turner, dynamic Home Missionary in mountains of Kentucky, spoke to some of the Sunday School classes, young people and to the Women of the Church on a two day visit to our Church.

Leonard Brooks became Scoutmaster, Susan Kite, President of Pioneers. The Men's Bible Class entered an attendance contest with First Baptist and Methodist Churches of North Wilkesboro, and won with an eighty-eight per cent attendance record. The two losing Churches entertained our men at a dinner.

Our Church ranked third in per capita giving to Benevolences. Mrs. T. A. Finley was installed as President of Girl Scout Association. Mrs. Finley has been actively engaged in Girl Scout work for several years and along with Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, who has also given much of her time to this work, is to be commended for all her time and effort in this behalf.

Mr. John Gibbs was graduated from Union Seminary and due to his scholastic ability, was awarded graduate fellowship for study abroad.

New Pioneer President, Mary Frances Cashion. Mrs. John West and Mr. Sam Vickery now Advisors to Senior High Fellowship. Mr. E. S. Kendrick now Superintendent of Sunday School.

At a congregational meeting the congregation expressed its desire to be known as the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church in stead of the First Presbyterian Church. Later, the name of the Church was officially established by Winston-Salem Presbytery at Cooleemee, N. C. as North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

Thirty-First Annual Meeting of Women of the Church was held here on November 1, 1955. Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr. was First Vice-President of Presbyterial, Mrs. Robert G. Taylor, Jr., Treasurer, Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, Chairman of Auditing Committee.

Edward S. Finley, L. S. Spainhour, Lewis Vickery and Glenn McNeill were elected elders, and R. G. Finley, John West, John H. Winkler, Dr. R. E. Lewis, H. Carl Buchan, James K. Ford, C. C. Faw, Jr., and E. S. Kendrick, elected deacons. Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, Advisor to Senior Fellowship.

Mr. A. A. Cashion was honored by congregation in November at the Morning Worship Service for his consecrated and tireless service to building of the Church Sanctuary, and was given a gold watch as a token of appreciation.

In 1956 Mrs. W. H. McElwee, President of the Women of the Church. Two hundreds eighty-five communicants on roll. Miss Eleanor Godfrey resigned to accept a position with First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Missouri. It was accepted with much regret.

Miss Robin Winkler elected Moderator of Senior High Fellowship of Winston-Salem Presbytery for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vickery celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in June. Miss Mary Louise Clements resigned as Minister of Music to accept another position. A Cub Scout Pack was organized with Carl Gwyn Coffey as Cubmaster and Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Den Mother. Mr. E. G. Finley resigned as Clerk of Session after many years, on account of his health, and Mr. M. A. Vickery succeeded him. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Snyder, Advisors to Pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, Advisors to Seniors. Robin Winkler, President of Seniors. Mrs. Everette Felts became Church Secretary.

All teachers, officers, and leaders in the Church met for a "staff supper" several times during the year. Deacons, Elders, Executive Board of Women of the Church, other committees held separate meeting after supper, which was an enjoyable way of combining many meetings into one evening.

Mrs. Edward G. Finley resigned as Church Librarian after many years of performing this arduous task with enthusiasm and loyalty. Miss Lucy Shook replaced her.

Mr. J. B. MacLeod resigned as Pastor of the Church effective December 15, 1956. Open House was held and Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod were presented a lovely silver tray from Church members. Mrs. Glenn McNeill was given a pair of lamps in appreciation for her volunteer work in the Church Office. It was with deep regret that we accepted the resignation of our Pastor but we sent with him sincere appreciation and best wishes. Mr. MacLeod gave unselfishly of his time, energy and means to development of an active Young Peoples Program, and his sermons and other contact with the congregation were a continual source of education and inspiration.

Boyd Stout from the Elders, Dr. R. G. Taylor, Jr., from Deacons, Mrs.

Ralph Buchan from Women of the Church, Robin Winkler from the Young People and A. A. Cashion, from congregation, were elected to serve as Pulpit Committee.

Our total enrollment at end of year was two hundred seventy-three members. Mrs. R. S. Gibbs served as Organist when Miss Clements resigned.

Ministers serving us while we were without a Pastor in 1957 were Rev. George Stamples, Rev. A. B. McClure, of Barium; Rev. A. B. Cook, Jr., Minister of Education, First Baptist Church; Rev. Sinclair Tebo, former Pastor of Reynolds Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem; Rev. Ben Smith, elder in Methodist Church here; Mr. C. Shaw Smith, Director of Student Union at Davidson; Mr. Gerald Lee Wilson, Junior at Davidson, and active in YMCA there; Mr. Robert King, State President of Gideons, Durham, N. C.

On January 6, 1957, at a congregational meeting, the members voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Watt M. Cooper, former Pastor. Mr. Cooper accepted this call and he and Mrs. Cooper, and son, Larry, arrived on March 1.

At a Congregational Meeting a Planning Committee was appointed to investigate and formulate plans for building a new Manse and to accept the offer of a lot given by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Coffey (Jr. W. H. McElwee, A. A. Cashion, Carl Buchan, Staton McIver, Robert Gibbs, Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., and Rev. and Mrs. Cooper were placed on this committee.

Mrs. Ralph Buchan did volunteer work for seven months while we were without a Director of Christian Education. Mrs. Crystal Williams became another Den Mother of the Cub Scouts.

A weekly morning prayer group was started—a short period of meditation, discussion and prayer.

With grateful hearts and with much love, we welcomed the Cooper family "back home" in March. Open House was held to honor them who had returned to us for the third time. Sunday School attendance was highest record of all time with total of two hundred sixty-two the first Sunday Mr. Cooper was with us.

Miss Mary Louise Clements came back to us also, as Director of Music and leader of Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs. We received sixty-three new members within six weeks after our Pastor arrived. James K. Ford, Superintendent of Sunday School. Miss Billye Jo Zimmerman, Advisor to Pioneers, Janet McIver, President.

Mr. Cooper was installed on May 19, 1957. Rev. J. H. Whitmore, Rev. J. R. McAlpine, III, Rev. J. W. Luke, Elder Hoke Henderson assisted in Installation Service.

Sessional Committees on Sacraments, Christian Education, Evangelism and Publicity, Special Causes, Rolls and Records, Pulpit Supply, Music, and Library, and Diaconate Committees on Buildings and Grounds, Hospitality, Ushering, Stewardship, Finance, and Building Fund were formed by classes of three years. These Committees consist of both men and women of the Church.

Miss Ann Rutherford of Charleston, West Virginia was secured as new Director of Christian Education.

Leonard Brooks, Paul Cashion, Gordon Finley, Jr., Joe Reinhardt, and J. S. Zimmerman elected deacons. Ben F. Marsh new Sunday School Superintendent, Kay Forester, President of Senior High, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reinhardt, Advisors. Clothing was collected for Church World Service under direction of Foreign Mission Cause Secretary of Women

of the Church. The women continue to collect large bundles of clothing every year for this good cause.

At the end of the year 1957, we had three hundred forty-five on roll with three hundred thirteen in Sunday School.

In 1958 the time for Diaconate meetings was changed to the first Sunday in each month, the Session meets on the second Sunday in each month. The Board of Religious Education meets on the first Sunday also.

At the beginning of 1958 the Presbyterian Survey was in every home in the Church, sponsored by the Women of the Church. Mrs. John Robert Church, President of the Women of the Church. Miss Eloise Wells, Area Worker for Winston-Salem and Concord Presbytery conducted a Church School Clinic.

Two sons of the congregation received the Th.M degree at Union Theological Seminary in May. We congratulate Charles McDonald Coffey, III, and John Gamble Gibbs upon completion of this work.

Mrs. A. Gordon Finley, Jr. became Director-Teacher of the Weekday Church Kindergarten upon the resignation of Mrs. Robert Berry.

Fifty-five new books were added to the library by the members of the congregation.

Presbytery asked our Church for \$18,000 to be paid over a period of three years for the construction of new churches in and around Winston-Salem.

We were sorry to lose the Lewis Vickery family from our Church. Mr. Vickery served as Superintendent of Sunday School, Teacher in Sunday School, Chairman of Board of Christian Education, member and soloist in the Choir, Deacon and Elder. Mrs. Vickery and Anne Lewis Vickery have both held many responsible positions also.

Ed Gilreath, Skipper of newly organized Sea Explorers in Scouts. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr. and Dr. Robert Taylor, Jr., Advisors to Senior High Fellowship. Dr. Taylor also Cubmaster of Cub Scouts in Church of which we now have three Dens. Den Mothers are Mrs. James Lowe, Dr. Carolyn Taylor Williams, and Mrs. Roy Spainhour.

Mrs. J. Robert Finley and Miss Lucy Finley, faithful and beloved members of the Church, and of the Women of the Church, died during the year. Both of these women gave generously of their time and ability until ill health forced them to become inactive. They will long be remembered for all their contributions. The sudden tragic death of Hal Snyder occurred in August, 1958.

Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr. has over a period of years, held many Presbyterial Offices. The women of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial presented her with a Life Membership Pin in recognition and appreciation for all her fine work.

Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. Robert E. Lewis and Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, leaders of Girl Scouts in our Church.

Rev. I. Howard Chadwick, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., conducted a series of revival services in the fall. Each morning at ten o'clock, Mr. Chadwick led a Bible Study and a period of social fellowship was also enjoyed.

The new Manse was completed in October, 1958, with all bills paid. We were especially proud we were able to have this excellent record by the time the Pastor and his family were ready to move in. An Open House and House Blessing was held in the new Manse. We were happy to see the Pastor and

his family settle in this lovely new home.

We had three hundred seventy communicants at end of year on roll. Our Sunday School enrollment is three hundred nineteen, an increase of ten over preceding year, and an increase of twenty-nine over two years ago.

In 1959, Mrs. W. H. McElwee and Mrs. Staton McIver, Advisors to Pioneers. Suzanne Lewis, President of Pioneers, Jim Spainhour, President of Senior High. Mrs. John Sloop, Mrs. Neill Dalrymple, Dr. Carolyn Taylor Williams, Mrs. Roy Spainhour, Den Mothers. Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. R. F. Kite, assisting with Girl Scouts.

\$700.65 was given by our men and women of the Church to the Johnny Luke Memorial Fund. This is for a Memorial Building at Glendale Springs.

Mrs. Ray Triplett, a member of Wilkesboro Methodist Church, was secured as Director-Teacher of the Weekday Church School Kindergarten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cashion celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. We rejoiced with them in their many years of happy life together and wished for them many more together.

Winston-Salem Presbytery met at our Church with seventy-two men present. The Social Committee of our Church fed these men a most bountiful meal.

The Sanctuary was air-conditioned by an anonymous donor. Some of the other rooms of the Church had already been air conditioned, and we were thankful that during the long summer months in Church we would no longer be hot and uncomfortable.

Miss Ann Rutherford, D.C.E., left after two years to study at Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Virginia, where she was awarded a scholarship. We were sorry to see her go, but rejoiced to see her have opportunity to further prepare herself for Christian service.

A Leadership Training School was held here and was excellent opportunity for everyone interested in teaching work of our Church. Miss Eloise Wells, Miss Dorothy Ray, Mrs. John R. Smith were the teachers of the different classes. We had a large group attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hall now assisting Mrs. W. H. McElwee with the Pioneers. Susan Forester, President of Seniors. Dr. R. G. Taylor, Jr., Sam Vickery, Dr. R. E. Lewis, and Gordon Ogilvie were elected elders under the new rotation plan of elders as well as deacons. At the same time, Mr. E. G. Finley and Pat M. Williams were given the honor of Elder Emeriti, and Life Members were M. A. Vickery, A. A. Cashion, T. A. Finley, W. C. Grier and L. M. Nelson, all of whom have served ten years or more. The other present elders Sam Ogilvie, Boyd Stout, J. Glenn McNeill, L. S. Spainhour, Edward S. Finley, and W. Blair Gwyn were placed in classes to rotate along with the four newly elected elders. Neill M. Dalrymple, Claude M. Hall, Robert F. Kite, Ben F. Marsh, Dr. H. B. Smith, and John Walker were elected deacons during the year. Sylvia Holder and Teddy Holder have had perfect attendance at Sunday School for eleven and ten years respectively.

Sam Vickery now Scoutmaster with Neill Dalrymple, Assistant. John Robert Church now Superintendent of Sunday School. Mrs. T. A. Finley resigned after teaching twenty years in the Kindergarten Department in Sunday School.

At the end of this year 1959, the net communicants on roll were three hundred eighty-seven, with three hundred fifty-five in Sunday School. We have approximately one hundred nine tithers and seventy-eight Family Altars.

In 1960, Dr. Frank Crossly Morgan, internationally famous evangelist and Bible Scholar conducted a series of Special Services in early January. In addition to evening services, a morning Bible Hour was led by Dr. Morgan. None of us will forget Dr. Morgan's dynamic personality and inspiring messages and the spiritual benefits were lasting throughout the whole community. One hundred thirteen people attended the cottage prayer meetings preceding these services.

We were proud when our Church was classified as a "star" congregation, and it ranked high among all Southern Presbyterian congregations in their size group for stewardship and benevolent giving. We gave an average of more per member to benevolences than we gave to our own current expenses. We set out to have a fifty-fifty ratio of benevolent giving and local operating expenses. We actually achieved a fifty-six, forty-four ratio. We felt this was a step forward in the work of our Chrch.

Our Pastor accepted a Tower Room Scholarship at Union Seminary for two weeks early part of the year. He was one of seventy-five carefully selected ministers from all over the General Assembly, five going at a time.

Marion McElwee, Janet McIver were two of our girls among the thirteen Girl Scouts who were graduated as Hospital Aides. Mrs. Robert Gibbs has assisted these girls as leader along with personnel of Wilkes General Hospital.

Mrs. Robert E. Lewis now President of Women of the Church. Suzie Lewis, Molly Winkler, and Jane Taylor received the Curved Bar, the highest award in Intermediate Program of Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr., one of our own members, was secured as part-time Director of Christian Education.

We had four hundred one members of Church in middle of the year.

A son of the congregation and student at Union Seminary, Mr. Bill Bason, was selected as Exchange Student at Montpellier, France. We felt it was a real privilege for him to have this opportunity.

The old coal bin in basement was made into a large classroom during the year for our Senior High Group, who have Dr. R. E. Lewis as their teacher. Dr. Lewis has been teaching the Senior Groups at the Church for several years now, and is greatly beloved by all. Although a busy Surgeon, he never fails to be with his class on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Charles Sink, Jr. was in charge of Bible School this year. Mrs. Sink has been called on for this job many times in the past and always does a thorough and efficient job.

Sydnor Spainhour, President of Pioneers. Eighteen of our Pioneers attended Pioneer Camp at Camp Betty Hastings. Wayne Steele, President of Senior High Fellowship. Mrs. William Clements and Mrs. Lomax Kilby now assisting Mrs. Roy Spainhour with Cub Scouts.

Over a period of five weeks, our Church suffered a terrible loss in that five of our good men died. Our hearts were all deeply saddened during this time with so many of our Church family in deep sorrow, but we rejoiced that we had had the privilege of knowing them and sharing with them, in the work of the Lord. They were, W. F. Blair, Boyd Stout, Elder, H. Carl Buchanan, Deacon, C. C. Faw, Sr. and Robert F. Shoemaker.

We had two Family Night Suppers toward the end of the year, one sponsored by the Diaconate Stewardship Committee, and the other by the Music Committee. We had large crowds at both of these suppers and everyone en-

joyed the fellowship.

In October of 1959 a God and Country Program was begun in Boy Scout Troop 36. This program extended for fifteen months. At the close of 1960 the following boys had completed the requirements for the God and Country Award: Ralph Buchan, Jr., William S. Clements, Jr., Larry Cooper, James K. Ford, Jr., Michael Meade, Roy Alfred Spainhour, Jr., Lincoln Sydnor Spainhour, Jr., Neill McLean Dalrymple, Jr., John Edward Stout and William Daniel Summers.

The Women of the Church had a good year, and in addition to pledges and special offerings, our circles sent money to Glade Valley, John Luke Memorial Fund, gave YMCA memberships, paid for many school lunches for children unable to buy their own, and money to migrant workers. Our women also sent money to Sara Dixon, our Missionary to Mexico, to the International Students, Inc., Washington, D. C., Friends of the Seminary, to our own Library Fund and to our own Welfare Fund.

Our annual report at end of year 1960 shows that we had four hundred twelve communicants during the year but we lost seven by death, and five to other Churches, leaving at the end of the year, four hundred members. We have approximately one hundred nine Tithers, and seventy-eight Family Altars, and three hundred sixteen pupils enrolled in Sunday School, with thirty-one teachers, total three hundred forty-seven.

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November 7, 1960

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**HISTORY OF NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH****1961-1974**

A true history of what a church means to a congregation and the community cannot be put down in words. By giving you the men, women, boys and girls who have played major roles and led us in all our endeavors—we are only giving you statistics. These are not all by any means. Those who sit quietly in their pews, silent but faithful, are just as important. We do not mention all those who taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, gave circle Bible lessons, attended meetings, attended prayer meetings, gave their money, and those who witnessed in their daily lives the true Christian life. It is hard to make a history interesting. We must give statistics, and names are important. How else can we reward to a small degree those who are so faithful and have played a major part in our Church history.

**1961**

We began the year 1961 with 400 members, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Minister, Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr., Director of Christian Education; Miss Mary Louise Clements, Director of Music; Mrs. Ray (Nancy) Triplett, Director of Week-day Church School; Mrs. Everett (Frances) Felts, Secretary; Albert Taylor, Secton; M. A. Vickery, Clerk of Session; Elmer Kendrick, Chairman of Diaconate; Claude Hall, Treasurer.

We will list the Officers of the Church this one time. In the rest of this book, we will list the newly elected ones. Our Elders in 1961 were: Sam Ogilvie, Glenn McNeil, L. S. Spainhour, Gordon Ogilvie, Sam Vickery, Edward S. Finley, Blair Gwyn, Dr. R. G. Taylor, Dr. R. E. Lewis. Our Life Members were: M. A. Vickery, A. A. Cashion, T. A. Finley, W. C. Grier, L. M. Nelson. Our Elders Emeriti: Edward G. Finley, P. M. Williams.

Our Deacons: Elmer Kendrick, C. C. Faw, Jr., James K. Ford, Robert F. Kite, Leonard Brooks, Paul Cashion, Gordon Finley, Jr., Joe Reinhardt, Joe Zimmerman, Neill Dalrymple, Claude Hall, Ben Marsh, Dr. Harold Smith, John Walker.

Trustees: W. C. Grier, C. Don Coffey, Jr., W. H. McElwee. Superintendent of Sunday School: John Robert Church. Assistant Superintendent: Dwight Crater. Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Finley.

Women of the Church Officers: President, Mrs. Robert E. (Dorothy) Lewis; First Vice President, Mrs. P. M. (Effie) Williams, Sr.; Second Vice President, Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater; Third Vice President, Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley; Secretary, Mrs. James (Margaret) Steele; Treasurer, Mrs. R. G. (Mary) Taylor, Jr.; Historian, Mrs. Ben F. (Roberta) Marsh; Pastor's Aide, Mrs. Neill (Kathleen) Dalrymple; Chairman of World Missions, Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee; Chairman of Spiritual Growth, Mrs. Harold (Mary) Smith; Chairman of Christian Education, Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church; Chairman of Annuities and Relief, Mrs. Bill (Martha) Clements; Chairman of Stewardship, Mrs. John (Louise) Sloop; Chairman of General Fund Agencies, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver; Chairman of White Cross, Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. W. C. (Rebecca) Grier, Mrs. L. S. (Moselle) Spainhour, Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, Mrs. Sue Alfriend, Miss Norma Stevenson, Mrs. Ed (Eloise) Gilreath, and Mrs. Watt Cooper.

Presbyterian Officers: Mrs. C. Don (Lura) Coffey, Jr., and Mrs. W. H. McElwee; Adult Advisors to Pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph (Eloise) Buchan; Adult Advisors to Seniors, Dr. R. G. Taylor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDougald; President Pioneers, Syd Spainhour; and President Seniors, Wayne Steele.

Our budget for 1961 was \$25,000 with \$12,000 for Benevolences.

In a unique ceremony at our Church on February 12, ten Boy Scouts received one of Scouting's highest honors, The God and Country Award. Recipients were: Al Spainhour, Johnny Stout, Syd Spainhour, Mac Dalrymple, Bill Summers, Jimmy Ford, Larry Cooper,

Michael Meade, Bill Clements, and Ralph Buchan, Jr. Wide publicity was given this event and given to these boys who had worked so diligently for 15 months. Their pictures were in several North Carolina papers, in Presbyterian News, Christian Observer, and they were televised by Winston-Salem, WSJS. The parents pinned the awards on their sons and medals were provided as a memorial to the late Boyd Stout, who for many years was Scoutmaster and Troop Committeeman. The Church was proud of these boys, their parents, their Scout leaders, Sam Vickery, and Neill Dalrymple. We were equally appreciative to Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchan, and the Pastor, all who worked so faithfully to help them achieve this high honor.

A Family Night supper was held in February to open World Mission season. A film was shown describing work in our various mission fields. Later in the month of February, Miss Libby Dunlap, Missionary to the Congo, was guest speaker on a Wednesday evening. Mr. Robert Strickland reviewed the World Mission book, "Turning World," in February for the Women of the Church, and Dr. R. E. Lewis spoke to the women on "Mission of the Church to the Country."

Special services were held in March with the Rev. Howard Chadwick, of the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, as guest minister. A Bible Study and coffee hour was held every morning with services at night. The study was on the Book of Colossians, "Over All and in All," and was well attended. Neighborhood prayer meetings were held on the Wednesday evening preceding the week of special services. It was truly a week of spiritual enrichment.

Girl Scout Hospital Aides graduation exercises were held on March 9, with Carolyn Faw, Suzie Lewis, Jane Taylor and Molly Winkler graduating. In September Pat Zimmerman and Pat Lewis were awarded their five point pins at a special Girl Scout troop meeting.

A new piano was purchased in March for the use of the three choirs, and was put in the Lounge. Our Youth Choir is for children from 11 to 14 years of age and the Children's Choir is for children from 8 to 10 years old. The Children's Choir met on Friday afternoons after school, with the Youth and Chancel Choirs meeting on Wednesday evenings. Miss Mary Louise Clements directed all three.

In April, twenty-one of our women forded creeks to attend North Wilkesboro District Conference at Foster Memorial Church, Husk, in the mountains, in support of our District Chairman, Mrs. W. H. McElwee. In addition to Mrs. McElwee, others were: Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Mrs. Ben Marsh, Mrs. Ed Finley, Mrs. Neill Dalrymple, Mrs. J. B. (Kate) McCoy, Mrs. C. C. (Edna) Faw, Sr., Mrs. Watt Cooper, Miss Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. Bill (Phyllis) Piper, Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley, Mrs. Elmer (Hilda) Kendrick, Mrs. F. C. (Mamie) Forester, Mrs. John R. Church; Mrs. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr., Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr., Mrs. John Sloop, Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Mrs. Everett Felts.

In April the Women collected \$120.05 as birthday offering, which went to the Bible School at Taiwan, and for Christian literature for the Congo. Our Church also participated in an effort to assist 75,000 Cuban refugees in Miami, Florida. Clothing, canned food, etc. was collected by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club also.

Dr. R. G. Taylor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr. and Jane Mason, Jane Taylor, Pat Lewis, Pat Zimmerman, Marian McElwee, Jenet McIver, Mary Turner Gibbs, Mac Dalrymple, Anne McDougald, and Suzie Lewis attended a Senior High Fellowship rally at Reynolda Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem in April.

A trip was made one day to Synodical Training School at Davidson College, coming back by Barium Springs Orphanage, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. T. A. Finley, Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington, Mrs. John R. Church, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Sr., Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Jr., Mrs. W. C. Grier, Miss Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Strickland all made this trip, with Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Grier, and Mrs. T. A. Finley attending as delegates.

The men of the Church united in a "Do-it-yourself" project of painting part of the Sunday School building in May with Paul Cashion, Chairman of Building and Ground Committee, in charge.

Marian McElwee, one of our outstanding young people, active in school and Church, was killed in an automobile accident in May. The Church, the young people, and the whole community shared the burden of sorrow with the family of this promising young girl.

Our Church joined with other Churches of the Wilkesboros in securing a Chaplain, Rev. Jack Boston, for our local hospital. This was a service greatly needed, and we were happy to support this wholeheartedly.

For the second straight year, we attained Star Rank in General Assembly. Among 89 Churches with 400-499 membership, we stood first in total gifts to Benevolences, again giving more to Benevolences than to our current expenses. We were grateful to our members for their generosity, and for God's help in this achievement.

In June, our annual Bible School was held for eight days, with Mrs. Charles (Corinne) Sink, Jr., Chairman of Committee on planning, with Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr., and Mrs. James K. (Ruth) Ford, assisting. Mrs. John (Rhona) Bennett held open devotionals each morning in the Sanctuary. Seventy-four children were enrolled and the following helped with this successful school: Mrs. Fred (Elizabeth) Holt, Mrs. Paul (Jan) Brooks, Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, Mrs. Roy (Vanya) Forehand, Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord, Mrs. Neill Dalrymple, Mrs. Ed Finley, Mrs. Theodore (Hilda) Holder, Mrs. Dwight Crater, Mrs. Sam Fields, Mrs. Bill Piper, Mrs. James (Virginia) Gay, and Mrs. Ben Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Finley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June, quietly because of Mr. Finley's health. This fine couple has had a full and rich 50 years, working constantly for their Church and community, and a constant inspiration to others. Many sincere and loving wishes were with them on this day.

In June we had the following graduates from high school: Judy Bouchelle Jones, Vanya Forehand Brame, Mary Turner Gibbs, James Theodore Holder, and Wayne Steele.

We had a large number of our young people attend Pioneer Camp at Moravian Camp site near Laurel Springs. This was one of the largest groups from Winston-Salem Presbytery there, and included Al Spainhour, Peggy Taylor, Susannah Cashion, Dottie Walker, Anita Ford, Becky Piper, Pat Piper, Bill Clements, Mike Meade, Pete Cain, Jimmy Lowe, Neil Cashion, Jr., Edward Finley, Jr., Mark Dalrymple, and Bobby Vickery. Jenet McIver attended Senior High Conference at Glade Valley in June, also.

Mrs A. Gordon Finley, Jr., who served as Director of Christian Education, resigned in July, after a year of splendid work, and the Committee on Christian Education appointed Mrs. Steve McCord to assume the duties of Mrs. Finley. Under her able leadership, the education work of the Church continued to go forward.

At the same time, Mrs. Neill Dalrymple was appointed part time Church Visitor, giving attention to newcomers, and visiting in homes of the sick, and pupils in Sunday School. This new service was greatly needed and of much benefit to the Church and the Pastor, and Mrs. Dalrymple's talents in this kind of work were outstanding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDougald replaced Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr. as advisors to Senior young people, and Dr. R. G. Taylor continued to serve with them.

Visiting Ministers while Mr. Cooper was on vacation during summer months consisted of Chaplain Jack Boston; Rev. George Ogilvie, Pulaski, Virginia, a son of the congregation; and the Rev. J. B. McLeod, Lumberton, a former Minister of this Church.

In August an Every Member Bible Study was held from 10:30 A. M. until 2:30 P. M. with lunch being served at intermission by the social committee of Women of the Church. The study, "Basic Beliefs of the Reformed Faith" by Dr. Felix Gear, was led by Mrs. Clyde Walker of Statesville (sister of Mrs. L. S. Spainhour), Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Miss Ellen Robinson, Neill Dalrymple, Robert Strickland, and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr. Much time, prayer, thought, and planning had been given by each of these speakers, and it was both informative and inspiring.

Three doctor's scrub suits, two pairs of children's pajamas, one wool baby blanket and \$25.00 was sent to Oodagama Children's Hospital, Osaka, Japan, by White Cross Chairman of Women of the Church, Mrs. Watt Cooper.

The Weekday Church Kindergarten opened again in September with Mrs. Ray Triplett back for her third year as Director-Teacher, and an enrollment of 22 pupils. Mrs. Ben Marsh was Chairman of Kindergarten Committee, and the school was financed solely by tuition, and has been operating for eight years.

The annual Church picnic was held in September at our local park. Films were shown by Dr. Harold Smith depicting picnics of former years, and a brief message was given by our Pastor.

Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., Mrs. L. M. (Ellen) Nelson, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. P. M. Williams, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr., Mrs. C. C. Faw, Sr., Mrs. T. A. Finley, Mrs. J. L. (Clyde) Clements, Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Mrs. C. S. Bradley attended the thirty seventh meeting of Winston-Salem Presbyterial at Reynolda Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem in October, which met jointly with Presbytery in commemoration of 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Watt Cooper and Dr. R. E. Lewis were our representatives at Presbytery.

Teddy Holder received a pin for 12 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School at Rally Day in October. Others receiving pins were Karolen Church, Rosalyn Gwyn, Kate Ogilvie, one year; Ann Heath Finley, Shirley Meade, Ellen Ogilvie, Jane Mason, and Edward Finley, Jr., two years; Bobby Taylor, four years; Peggy Taylor, six years. Average Sunday School attendance was 201. Dwight Crater became Superintendent in October, with C. C. Faw, Jr. Assistant. Miss Elizabeth Finley remained Secretary.

Jenet McIver was installed as President of Senior High Fellowship and Mrs. Robert Strickland became President of Women of the Church in October. Mrs. R. E. Lewis and other outgoing officers were dedicated servants and served faithfully for two years. New officers installed were: President, Mrs. R. L. Strickland; Second Vice President, Mrs. Max Garrett; Third Vice President, Mrs. L. S. Spainhour; Secretary, Mrs. Sue Alfriend; Chairman of Spiritual Growth, Mrs. Watt Cooper; Chairman of World Missions, Mrs. E. S. Finley; Chairman of Christian Education, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry; Chairman of General Fund Agencies, Mrs. Elmer Kendrick; Chairman of White Cross, Mrs. Blair Gwyn; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. Dwight Crater, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr., Miss Norma Stevenson, Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs, Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, and Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Buchan.

Presbyterial Officers: Mrs. Don Coffey, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, and Mrs. E. S. Finley.

A great deal of time was spent organizing a teacher rotation and training program in Church School. Christian Education Committee studied this at length. The purpose was to increase and improve Church School leadership. The first training course started in October with Mrs. John Bennett teaching for four months a general course on the Bible, followed by methods by Mrs. W. C. Grier, and church beliefs by Mr. Cooper.

The women finished their year by giving to Benevolences more than 80% of their total budget. They were not to be outdone by the Church. They also gave many free lunches to the schools, to a colored Scout troop, to Boy Scouts, a college student, a polio victim, the mentally retarded, John Luke Memorial Fund, clothes for needy, migrant workers and to World Missions. They also put curtains in the Junior Department of Sunday School.

A Family Night supper was held on November 8th, sponsored by Stewardship Committee. Talks were made by John Walker, Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Sam Vickery, and Mr. Cooper, and there was music by children's choir and a filmstrip.

Fall Rally of youth from this Presbytery met at our Church on November 19. They assembled at 2:30 and were dismissed by 7:00 o'clock. Around 200 attended this rally with our Seniors as hosts. The program was on "The Presbyterian Church's Mission to the Belgian

Congo." Dr. William Rule and Dr. David McLean were the speakers. Our social committee prepared supper for these young people, and this committee consists of Mrs. Fred Holt, Mrs. Charles Sink, Jr., Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Spainhour, and Mrs. Hugh (Wylie) Smith.

New Elders were elected on the rotation system in November: Dr. Harold Smith, Neill Dalrymple, John Robert Church, Ralph Buchan, and Robert Gibbs.

New Deacons elected in December were: W. S. Clements, Robert Strickland, W. H. McElwee, Staton McIver, Aiji Tashiro, Dwight Crater, and Dr. John Bennett.

A Family Night supper was held on December 6th sponsored by the Music Committee. Annual Joy Gift program and a Christmas tea were on December 19th, and an annual Christmas party on December 24. Gifts and stockings were distributed to children of the Church, and they in turn brought gifts in memory of Baby Jesus to be distributed to needy families.

On December 24th the congregation surprised our Pastor and his family with a new Plymouth. Keys were presented to Mr. Cooper by Elmer Kendrick. This was given to the Coopers in deep appreciation and with loving good wishes.

We were pleased to welcome the following new members during the year: Mr. and Mrs. James Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Rebecca) Lakey, Mr. and Mrs. Neill (Mary) Cashion, Neil Jr. and Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Byrd, Jane Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDougald, Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Brenda Holt, Robert Edward Lewis, William A. Lowe, Mary Martha Vickery, James Gordon Winkler, Jimmy Clements, Ralph Church, Mary Elaine Richardson, Helen Marie Roberson, Geraldine Williams, Jeffrey Mack Shoemaker, Patricia Bumgarner, Mr. Charles F. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill (Hazel) Wiles, Lanny Fletcher Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. William Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Aiji Tashiro, Stephen Tashiro, Arthur Tashiro, Eugene Tashiro, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. (Jane) West.

We were happy for the following young people who were united in marriage: Shirley Snyder to Lawrence Medlin, Margaret Finley Coleman to Robert Carroll, Judith Burke to James Goodwin Bloomfield, Susan Kite to David Eller, Judy Bouchelle to Rick Jones, Harriett Sloop to John Gilbert, Vanya Lee Forehand to William A. Brame, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robin Wooten, Jr.

Births: Gina Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. William V. (Elaine) Meade; Henry Clayton IV, Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. (Barbara) Landon III; Thomas Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.; David Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Myers; Elizabeth Michele, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brame, Jr.; Tamara Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Alan (Rita) Foster; Bea Jodi, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt; Richard Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones; Teresa Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Billye Jo) Furches; Scott Earl, Mr. and Mrs. William L Garrison; Stephen Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. (Mary) Giles; and Cynthia Ann, Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan) Eller.

Infant Baptisms: Julie Lynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry; John Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn; Gordon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Irma) Ogilvie; Sam R., Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Ogilvie, Sr.; Thomas Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.; and David Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Myers.

Deaths: Mr. Gilbert Bare, Mrs. M. A. Vickery, Mrs. Bess Neely, Marian McElwee, Sgt. Guy Duncan, and Mrs. J. A. Link.

Our college students were: Mary Turner Gibbs, Wayne Steele, Leonard Brooks, Jr., Mary Frances Cashion, Linda Finley, Susan Forester, Mary Elizabeth Harris, Martha McLaughlin, Jim Spainhour, Sam Zimmerman, Robin Winkler, Ann Lewis Vickery, Hyatt Gibbs, Gordon Forester, and Lloyd Stimson.

1962

We began 1962 with 426 members, an increase of 26 over last year. The Treasurer's report showed that we had contributed a grand total of \$49,575.43 to all causes. The budget for 1962 was presented to the congregation in the amount of \$38,525.00.

Mr. E. S. Finley was elected Clerk of Session, and John A. Walker, Chairman of Diaconate.

In January at the annual meeting of Scout leaders of Old Hickory Council in Winston-Salem, Lewis Nelson and Sam Vickery received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor that can be given in Scouting. Only four such awards were made in the whole area of eight counties, and we were proud of these two fine men from our congregation.

Mr. E. G. Finley and Mr. Pat M. Williams, Elders Emeriti, both died in January. They were strong Christian leaders in Church and community, devoted to their Church, and held many positions of leadership and trust in both. They believed not only in living the Christian religion, but in spreading it to benefit all mankind. We were saddened by their deaths.

Jan Forehand, Jane Forester, Carolyn Gwyn, Ann McDougald, Elizabeth McElwee, and Lynn Walker received their Senior Pins in Scouting in February. Also in February, Pat Zimmerman and Pat Lewis received their Scout Hospital Bar and graduating certificate from Wilkes General as hospital aides.

In February, Edward S. Finley reviewed the Mission Study Book, "This is Latin America," at the Women of the Church meeting. An offering of \$272.75 was received for World Missions.

Mrs. Ray Triplett had to give up her work as kindergarten teacher in February. Our deep appreciation went to Mrs. Triplett for a job well done. Mrs. Robert Berry was again secured as Director-Teacher, after an absence of four years. Mrs. Berry was the first teacher of the kindergarten when it was organized eight years ago. The kindergarten has a full enrollment as usual, with 25 enrolled, and a waiting list.

Our Every Member Bible Study in March was on Dr. Lawrence Kinney's book on First Corinthians, "Not Like Ordinary Men." and was reviewed by Mrs. Ralph (Eloise) Buchan, Dr. R. E. Lewis, Robert L. Strickland, Mrs. R. G. (Mary) Taylor, Jr., and Mrs. E. G. (Sybil) Finley. Sixty three attended this three hour study, with supper being served at the half-way mark.

Our Church was largely represented at District Conference of Winston-Salem Presbytery at Glendale Springs in April. Mrs. W. H. McElwee, District Chairman, presided, and Dr. R. E. Lewis made the principal address. Others attending were Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Mrs. Karen Woodie, Mrs. J. P. (Anne) McDougald, Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Sr., Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater, Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley, Mrs. Ann Blevins, Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Strickland, Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper, Mrs. F. C. (Mamie) Forester, Mrs. J. L. (Clyde) Clements, Mrs. J. B. (Kate) McCoy, Mrs. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr., Mrs. Irene Meade, Mrs. C. C. (Edna) Faw, Sr., and Miss Isabella Gibbs.

Folding doors for a separate room for the library were purchased in the spring, made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Ellen) Nelson. An appeal was made to families in the congregation to donate books and a large number was received. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson also gave quite a few books. Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro was named librarian.

Mr. Cooper was elected Moderator of Presbytery, and in January he and Sam Vickery attended Presbytery in Thomasville. In May, Elder L. M. Nelson accompanied him to Lexington.

Mrs. Ralph (Eloise) Buchan and Mrs. E. S. Finley accompanied 12 boys and girls from our Church to a Pioneer Conclave of Winston-Salem Presbytery at Glendale Springs with the following going: Syd Spainhour, Jimmy Lowe, Pete Cain, Edward Finley, Jr., Mark Dalrymple, Bobby Vickery, Peggy Taylor, Susannah Cashion, Dottie Walker, Virginia Raymer, Anita Ford, and Dorothy McElwee.

The book, "Edge of the Edge," was reviewed by Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church, and a panel discussed some of the opportunities our Church offers its members to extend the Church in our own community, at the May meeting of Women of the Church. The panel was composed of Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord, Mrs. Neill (Kathleen) Dalrymple, Mrs. Aiji Tashiro, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, and Rev. Watt Cooper.

Mr. William Deane from Safety Harbor, Florida, and a second-year student at Union Seminary was employed as Assistant Pastor for the summer months. His duties included working with Bible School, Pioneer Camp, and all youth activities. He also preached during August. Mr. Deane endeared himself to all members of the congregation who welcomed him into their homes and hearts.

Our graduates from high school in June were: Jane Bare, Jenet McIver, Shirley Meade and Jerry Myers.

Mr. Deane assisted with Pioneer Camp at Camp Laurel Ridge and took along with him Edward Finley, Syd Spainhour, Anita Ford, Benson Marsh, Mark Dalrymple, Pete Cain, Gene Spainhour, Patricia Piper, Nancy Payne, Mike Meade, Bobby Vickery, and Dorothy McElwee.

The Bible School held the last of June was most successful with a total enrollment of one hundred, including teachers and pupils. We appreciated the help of Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, Mrs. Robert Berry, Linda Hall, Brenda Hall, Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton, Mary Frances Cashion, Mary Elizabeth Harris, Jane Taylor, Mrs. Theodore (Hilda) Holder, Mrs. Claude (Frances) Hall, Mrs. E. S. Finley, Mrs. Aiji Tashiro, Jenet McIver, Shirley Meade, Mrs. John R. Church, Mrs. Dwight Crater, Mrs. W. V. Piper, William Deane, Patty Piper, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Isabella Gibbs, Edward Finley, Jr., Mrs. Charles (Corinne) Sink, Mrs. Ben (Roberta) Marsh, Mrs. John (Rhona) Bennett, Mrs. Zane Bumgarner, and Mrs. William Sando.

Presbytery Youth Conference was held at Glade Valley in June with Suzie Lewis, Jane Taylor, Pat Lewis, Jenet McIver, Ann McDougald, and Pat Zimmerman attending.

Men's Conference of Synod of N. C. was held on the weekend of June 17th with Paul Cashion, Neill Dalrymple, Neill Cashion, William Deane, Sam Vickery, Sam Fields, Robert Gibbs, J. P. McDougald, Charles Reece, and Mr. Cooper attending. It was held at Montreat.

In July three of our girls attended the National Girl Scout Roundup in Vermont. Mrs. Robert Gibbs accompanied Suzie Lewis, Jane Taylor and Pat Zimmerman. Suzie showed some interesting slides at the August Women of the Church meeting.

Mr. A. A. Cashion and Moderator Cooper attended Presbytery on July 23rd at Glade Valley. In September Ralph Buchan accompanied Mr. Cooper, who as retiring Moderator, preached the sermon.

In September ten of our young people went to St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg to Vocational Guidance Center, for a series of tests. They included Mac Dalrymple, Carolyn Faw, Pat Lewis, Suzie Lewis, Ann McDougald, Billy McElwee, Johnny Stout, Jane Taylor, Molly Winkler, and Pat Zimmerman. They made a fine record and gave the program to Women of the Church in November telling of their experiences and something about the tests they had to take.

Edward Finley, Jr., became an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor in September. Edward, at 13, is one of the youngest from our Church to achieve this rank, and we were justly proud of him.

The annual church picnic was held at Doughton Park on August 29. Sam Vickery was Chairman of this event with various other members assisting with program, transportation, refreshments, etc. The lovely background and scenery of the mountains is a perfect place for meditation, prayer, and good fellowship, and the members look forward to this yearly event.

The Senior High Fellowship elected Jane Taylor as President in September, and Edward Finley, Jr., was elected President of the Pioneers. New Women of the Church Officers were as follows: First Vice President, Miss Norma Stevenson; Second Vice President, Mrs. W. C. (Rebecca) Grier; Third Vice President, Mrs. T. A. Finley; Treasurer, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt; Chairman of Stewardship, Mrs. J. L. Clements; Chairman of Annuities and Relief; Mrs. Wendell Edgerton; Chairman of General Fund Agencies, Mrs. Gordon (Irma)

Ogilvie; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Miss Mary Louise Clements, Mrs. L. H. (Vi) Snyder, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver, Mrs. Claude Hall, and Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Buchan.

A new plan of ushering was put into effect in September. The three back rows were reserved for late comers, ushers were to greet worshipers as they come in, then as they select their own seats, ushers were to present them with a bulletin.

Sunday School enrollment in October was 336. Perfect attendance records were given to Theodore Holder, Sr., Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, Mrs. J. P. McDougald, Angela Ogilvie, one year; Kate Ogilvie, two years; Ellen Ogilvie, Ann Heath Finley, Edward Finley, Jr., three years; and Teddy Holder, thirteen years.

Four boys completed requirements for God and Country Award in October. They were Mark Dalrymple, Bobby Vickery, Edward Finley, Jr., and Jimmy Lowe. In addition to their parents, Mr. Cooper, and Scoutmasters Sam Vickery, Neill Dalrymple, Edward S. Finley, Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchan assisted in preparing these boys. Again, we commended our Scouts for this good work.

Miss Sara Dixon, Missionary to Mexico, spoke at the October meeting of Women of the Church about her experiences as representative from Mexico at the Christian Education Conference held in Ireland during the summer. Our Church and its members, individually, helped her to go this meeting in Ireland by contributing \$175.00 to help defray expenses.

Winston-Salem Presbyterial met at Mt. Airy in October with Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mrs. T. A. Finley, Mrs. Leonard Brooks, and Mrs. Irene Meade attending.

Mrs. Edward G. Finley followed her husband in death by several months and passed away in October. She held a number of positions of leadership in the Church and in Presbyterial, active in young people's work all her life, a Sunday School teacher for many years, and an inspiring Bible leader. We shall never forget "Miss Sybil" and her Christian influence which touched so many lives.

A Building Planning Committee was authorized by congregation to make a study of educational needs of necessary expansion of Church facilities, and the following members of the congregation were elected to serve: John R. Church, Paul Cashion, Dwight Crater, Elmer Kendrick, Mrs. Ben Marsh, W. H. McElwee, Mrs. Robert Strickland, Aiji Tashiro, and Jane Taylor. W. H. McElwee was elected Chairman.

The women had some surplus money left over at the end of their year which they gave to Friends of the Seminary, International Students Fund, and used some for their own needs, the kitchen fund and new chairs and tables in the Primary Department. The circles gave money during the year for school lunches, arts and crafts for Richardson Home for the Aged, Student Center in Greensboro, Miss Sara Dixon, Scouts, library, migrant workers, Christmas baskets, candles and gifts.

The Covenant Life Curriculum Committee was composed of Dr. C. C. Cleetwood, Chairman; Mrs. Robert Berry, Mrs. W. C. Grier, Mrs. Robert Strickland, Jane Taylor, Mrs. Steve McCord, Sam Vickery and Tom Ogburn.

A pageant of the Christmas Story was put on entirely by our young people on the lawn on December 23rd. On December 24th, the annual Christmas party was held, with the Pioneers presenting a play entitled, "The Saint," directed by Mrs. Charles (Gwyn) Reece and Mrs. Richard (Apphia) Finley. Gifts were brought for Barium Springs orphanage and Santa Claus paid a visit. The usual caroling by the choirs also took place.

We received the following into the Church during the year: Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Joan) Brown, Don Church, Charles Sink III, Paul Payne, Jr., Gene Myers, Craig Bennett, Robert Hardin, Ann Heath Finley, Rosalyn Gwyn, Karolen Church, Jenny Piper, Gail Walker, Carl Yale, Toni Lynn Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. William Sandoe, Mr. and Mrs. John Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keziah, Mrs. Margaret Mayse, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. (Margaret) Cleetwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. (Dot) Boyd, W. T. Boyd, Jr., Susan Boyd, Lucinda Cleetwood,

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Futrelle, Jr., and Mr. Rayburn Byrd.

Our Marriages: Franklin Finley and Marie Johnson, and Robin Winkler and Vincent J. Naughton.

Births: Douglas Hatton to Mr. and Mrs. James K. (Ruth) Ford, Margaret Tate and Martha Campbell to Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, Jennifer Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Jennings, Jr., John Charles to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Sue) Summers, Diana Ruth to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown, Timothy Scott to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lakey, Elicia Renee to Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn (Carol) Byrd, Mark Goodwin to Mr. and Mrs. James (Judith) Bloomfield, William Anderson III to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Vanya Lee) Brame, Jr., and Daniel Carter to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ogburn.

Baptisms: Bea Jodi, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt; Cynthia Ann, Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan) Eller; Teresa Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Billye Jo) Furches; Richard Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones; Scott Earl, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Garrison; Elicia Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Byrd; Richard Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keziah; James David, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keziah; and Douglas Hatton, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ford.

Deaths: Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley, Mr. Pat M. Williams, Sr., and Mr. Thomas W. Finley.

Our college students: Jane Bare, Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C.; Thomas F. Blair, East Tennessee State, Johnson City Tenn.; Leonard Brooks, Wake Forest College; Mary Frances Cashion, King's College; Mary Turner Gibbs, Watts School of Nursing; Mary Elizabeth Harris, University of N. C., Chapel Hill; Jenet McIver, Woman's College, Greensboro; Martha McLaughlin, N. C. State, Raleigh; Jim Spainhour, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Steve Steele, Gaston Technical College; Anne Lewis Vickery, East Carolina University; Dorothy Walker, Salem Academy; and Samuel Zimmerman, Appalachian State.

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We were pleased with our annual report at the beginning of 1963 showing that we have 444 members. The grand total for all contributions amounted to \$53,561.14 for 1962.

Our Church was very active in an inter-church effort with three other churches in North Wilkesboro in organizing a kindergarten for underprivileged children in the community. A committee was set up, funds and teacher provided, and the kindergarten started operating on a regular basis early in the year. Many members of our Church gave hours of their time working toward the organization and operation of this kindergarten. We especially commend Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee and Mrs. Elmer (Hilda) Kendrick.

Robert L. Strickland, representative in State Legislature, and Deacon in our Church and a very prominent young business man of the community, was honored as Young Man of the Year at a banquet held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 25.

In January the following awards were presented to the Girl Scouts and leaders: Standard First Aid Certificates, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper, Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs, Peggy Taylor, Susannah Cashion, and Becky Piper. Senior Scout Pins to Susannah Cashion, Peggy Taylor, and Becky Piper. Senior Service Bars to Suzie Lewis, Jane Taylor, and Pat Zimmerman. Five Point Pins to Lynn Walker, Carolyn Gwyn, Elizabeth McElwee, and Jan Forehand. In March, Isabella Gibbs received the fifteen year pin in Scouting; the five year pin went to Mrs. W. V. Piper. In April, Jan Forehand, Jane Forester, Carolyn Gwyn, Elizabeth McElwee, and Lynn Walker received their Hospital Aide Bars. Also in Scouting, Mrs. James (Virginia) Gay replaced Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley as Girl Scout Neighborhood chairman. Mrs. Finley has for many years been active in Girl Scouts, and continues to have a strong interest.

The Intensive Bible Study was held in March, and this year, the study was on Jeremiah with textbook entitled, "The Hammer on the Rock." The study was in two sessions, with covered dish supper at intermission. The review was interestingly presented by Dr. John Bennett, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, Billy McElwee, Sam Vickery, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Jimmy Ford, Mrs. Gordon (Hope) Forester, Suzie Lewis, Joe Reinhardt, Jane Taylor and John Blair.

On April 4 the West District meeting of Women of the Church of Winston-Salem Presbytery was held at the Yadkinville Presbyterian Church with Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis, District Chairman, presiding. The following other women went with Mrs. Lewis: Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mrs. Irene Meade, Mrs. John (Nancy) Church, Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, Mrs. J. P. (Anne) McDougald, Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper, Mrs. Ralph (Eloise) Buchan, Mrs. Ben (Roberta) Marsh, and Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley, with the latter four presenting a skit as part of the program.

Miss Jane Taylor, senior at Wilkes Central, and President of our Young People, was awarded the Reynolds Scholarship to Woman's College at Greensboro. This is the highest honor that can come to a girl in North Carolina scholarship-wise, with all her expenses paid all through college. We were extremely proud of Jane for all her accomplishments.

In April several Wednesday evenings were devoted to hearing from the Covenant Life Curriculum Committee reporting to the congregation of their studies. These were led by Dr. C. C. Cleetwood, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry, Mrs. Bob (Betty) Strickland, Sam Vickery, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord, Mrs. W. C. (Rebecca) Grier, Jane Taylor, and Charles Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDougald and Dr. R. G. Taylor resigned as Advisors to Seniors, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchan replaced them. Mr. and Mrs. Buchan have for many years served with Pioneers, and in other youth work of the Church and community, and will make excellent leaders. Our thanks went to the three who had served so faithfully.

Our graduates from high school in June were Richard Blair, Carolyn Faw, Roy Forehand, Jr., Brenda Hall, Linda Hall, Wanda Hays, Suzanne Lewis, Billy McElwee, Jane Taylor, and Molly Winkler.

Thirteen of our Pioneers recited the Child's Catechism in June. This is one of the largest classes in Church history and were: Mark Dalrymple, Anita Ford, Edward Finley, Jr., Rosalyn Gwyn, Bill Gwyn, Benson Marsh, Dorothy McElwee, Nancy Payne, Jenny Lou Piper, Patricia Piper, Arthur Tashiro, Bobby Taylor, and Bobby Vickery.

The following young people attended Pioneer Camp for five days at Moravian Camp near Laurel Springs; Carl Yale, Mary Martha Vickery, Susan Boyd, Brenda Holt, Jenny Lou Piper, Helen Roberson, Benson Marsh, Bill Gwyn, Bobby Taylor, and Gene Spainhour.

The total enrollment at Bible School was 93. The following are to be commended for a most successful week: Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, Nancy Payne, Carolyn Faw, Ann McDougald, Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton, Mrs. James (Nancy) Bumgarner, Anita Ford, Mary Martha Vickery, Mrs. Theodore (Hilda) Holder, Mrs. E. S. Finley, Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro, Mrs. Paul (Jan) Brooks, Mrs. John R. Church, Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater, Mrs. Bill (Phyllis) Piper, Jenny Lou Piper, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Isabella Gibbs, Brenda Holt, Mrs. Ben Marsh, Mrs. Charles (Corinne) Sink, and Mrs. John (Rhoda) Bennett.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Paul Cashion attended Assembly Wide Conference of Men of the Church in Dallas, Texas, in June for three days.

Eight of our rising juniors in high school attended Vocation Guidance Center at Laurinburg for tests: Lucinda Cleetwood, Ralph Buchan, Jr., Larry Cooper, Jimmy Ford, Carolyn Gwyn, Betsy Kite, Dick Sloop, and Lynn Walker. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Buchan and Mrs. Bob (Dulce) Kite.

During the month of August we had the following supply pastors while Mr. Cooper was on vacation: Dr. Wade Boggs, Dr. Arch McNair, and Dr. Frank Anderson.

Weekday kindergarten began a new year in September with twenty-three in attendance. Mrs. Robert Berry was the teacher, Mrs. Charles Sink, Jr. was Chairman of the Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Blair Gwyn were the leaders of the Pioneers with Eugene Tashiro as President. John Stout was elected President of Senior High Fellowship.

On Rally Day the following had perfect attendance: Robert Meade, Theodore Holder, Mrs. E. S. Finley, Bill Brooks, Patsy Ford, Mary Martha Vickery, Jenny Lou Piper, one year. Ann Heath Finley and Edward Finley, Jr. have had perfect attendance for four years. The average Sunday School attendance was 198. C. C. Faw, Jr., became superintendent.

All children from four years through Primary Department (third grade) started going to Junior Church in October, leaving after the second hymn and just before the sermon. This proved very successful, and parents expressed appreciation for opportunities afforded children through this program.

New officers of the Women of the Church installed in September are: Second Vice President, Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour; Third Vice President, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver; Chairman of Spiritual Growth, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler; Chairman of Christian Education, Mrs. C. C. (Margaret) Cleetwood, Chairman of Stewardship, Mrs. John Bennett; Chairman of World Missions, Mrs. Gordon (Irma) Ogilvie; Chairman of General Funds Agencies, Mrs. Robert Strickland; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Frank (Florine) Blair, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Mrs. E. S. Finley, Mrs. Aiji Tashiro, Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington, Mrs. James (Margaret) Steele, Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn, Mrs. Henry (Edith) Smithey, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Taylor, and Mrs. Carl (Margaret) Coffey.

The Women met at Mocksville Presbyterian Church in October. Those going from here were Mrs. Robert Lewis and Mrs. Robert Strickland who were there for the Executive Session, Mrs. C. C. Cleetwood, Mrs. E. S. Finley, Mrs. Ben Marsh, Mrs. Charles (Gwyn) Reece, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Mrs. John Sloop, Mrs. Don (Lura) Coffey, Jr., Mrs. L. M. (Ellen) Nelson, Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley, Mrs. Irene Meade, Mrs. Hugh Smith, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Mrs. Aiji Tashiro, and Mrs. John R. Church. We had the largest number there from any church, and we heard a very interesting speaker, Dr. Randolph Taylor, Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, Washington, D. C.

Also in October, Mrs. Isaac Block, Washington, D. C., spoke to all our people at our Wednesday evening service. She was introduced by Mrs. R. E. Lewis. A native of the Philippines, and in great demand all over the United States as a speaker, Mrs. Block had a wonderful story to tell to the large crowd present. We felt truly fortunate in securing her.

On Sunday, November 10, the following young people attended the Senior High Rally in Mt. Airy; Carolyn Gwyn, Anita Ford, Patty Piper, Becky Piper, Susannah Cashion, Peggy Taylor, Larry Cooper, Jim Ford, Jim Lowe, Dick Sloop, Mike Meade, Mac Dalrymple, John Stout, Ralph Buchan, Jr., Bobby Vickery, and Edward Finley, Jr. Adults accompanying these young people were Mr. Cooper, Neill Dalrymple, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchan.

John Stout, President of Senior High Fellowship, was one of two finalists chosen for Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Mac Dalrymple was semi-finalist to National Merit Scholarship competition.

Our Annual Christmas Eve party was held with the traditional Christmas Carols gifts for needy children, visit from Santa Claus. The outdoor pageant, "The Nativity," was presented on the lawn by our Seniors. All our choirs, plus Pioneers and Seniors participated in caroling during the season.

After an election by the congregation, new Elders were elected at the end of the year. Leonard Brooks, Paul Cashion, James K. Ford, Sam Ogilvie, Aiji Tashiro were the choices of the congregation. New Deacons on rotation system elected were C. C. Faw, Jr., Elmer Kendrick, Robert F. Kite, William V. Piper, and J. H. Winkler.

We welcomed in our Church family the following people: Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Carolyn) Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Neal (Irene) Christenbury, Joyce Ann and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. (Peggy) Nagle, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. (Dorothy) Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Kimbrell, Judy, Jewell, Perry, Jr., Mrs. Fred C. (Lorraine) Hubbard, III, Mr. and Mrs. Perry (Bobbie) Snipes, Steve Snipes, Teresa Bumgarner, Claude Faw, III, Bill Brooks, Wayne Marsh, Ted Edgerton, Margi Lewis, Nancy Cleetwood, Debbie Brooks, and Patsy Ford.

We lost by death the following: Mrs. Lawrence (Shirley Snyder) Medlin, Mr. James A. Gay, Mrs. Bessie Ogilvie Foster, Mrs. Robert G. Taylor, Sr. and Miss Florence Smallbones.

Our marriages: Jane Bare to Jackie McEntire, Carol Mastin to Winston Snyder, Wanda Cain to George William Anderson, Judith Eller to Theodore Holder, Fern Lovette to

Thomas Blair, Kay Walker to Steve Steele, and Eloise Alvis to James E. Spainhour.

Our babies: John Keith to Dr. and Mrs. John Henry (Mary Spainhour) Giles, Michael Patrick to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent (Robin Winkler) Naughton, and Thomas Forester, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair.

Infant baptisms: Martha and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ogilvie; Diana Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brown, and Timothy Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lakey.

Our college students: Leonard Brooks, Jr. and Billy McElwee, Jr., Wake Forest College; Mary T. Gibbs, student nurse at Watts Hospital, Durham; Mary Elizabeth Harris, Carolyn Faw, and Suzie Lewis, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Jenet McIver and Jane Taylor, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Martha McLaughlin, N. C. State University; Steve Steele, Gaston Technical; Molly Winkler, Queens College; Brenda & Linda Hall, Catawba College; Roy Forehand, Jr., Mrs. Jane Bare McEntire, and Dawn Lovette, Lenoir Rhyne College; Wanda Hays, Kings Business; Jewell Kimbrell, Appalachian State; Dorothy Walker and Mary Elizabeth Buchan, Salem Academy; and Richard Blair, East Tennessee State.

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The treasurer's report for 1963 showed that we contributed for all causes the amount of \$51,793.00. The Rolls and Record Committee placed 37 on the inactive roll, most of whom had moved away, but had not moved their letter. This reduced the number of communicants to 418 at the beginning of 1964.

Some of our men were placed on Presbytery committees as follows: W. C. Grier, L. M. Nelson, Christian Education; Sam Ogilvie, Church Extension; Paul Cashion, Candidates for the Ministry; Dr. R. E. Lewis, Chairman, Christianity and Health; W. H. McElwee, Presbyterian Foundation; Blair Gwyn, Trustee of Glade Valley; and Dr. C. C. Cleetwood, Examination. Mr. Cooper is chairman of Committee on Examination, and serves on Presbyterian Foundation Committee, Church Extension, and is Trustee of Presbyterian College.

The Senior High Fellowship went on tour of India, Pakistan, Nepal, Ceylon at homes of members representing these places. Food was served befitting the country visited. Jim Ford, Jr. was in charge, with John Stout, Elizabeth McElwee, Susannah Cashion and Edward Finley, Jr. participating. This was in February, mission month. The offering for World Missions in February from Women of the Church amounted to \$150.50. Our Pioneers and Seniors also gave their supper money in March to help a Korean boy pay tuition to Assembly School of Christian Education.

Bill Bason, son of the congregation, was ordained in March by John Knox Presbytery and began work as Minister of Christian Education at the University Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas.

Elder M. A. Vickery died January 17. Mr. Vickery was active in many phases of Church work and was for many years our Clerk of Session.

A committee was formed to become Committee for Promotion and Finance in our building program: John Walker, Chairman, Joe Darlington, Mrs. Guy (Mable) Duncan, Blair Gwyn, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord, Tom Ogburn, and L. S. Spainhour were asked to serve on this committee.

The Intensive Bible Study was study of letters to John, "This we Know." We had the doctors of our congregation assisting the women in presenting this study and they were: Dr. John Bennett, Dr. R. E. Lewis, Dr. R. G. Taylor, Jr., and Dr. Harold Smith.

The West District of Women of the Church of Winston-Salem Presbytery was held at Glad Valley in April with Mrs. R. E. Lewis, presiding. We had nineteen women go as follows: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley, Mrs. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr., Mrs. John (Rhona) Bennett, Mrs. Neill (Kathleen) Dalrymple. Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour, Mrs. John (Nancy) Church, Mrs. Hugh (Wylie) Smith, Mrs. Guy Duncan, Mrs. John (Louise) Sloop, Mrs. Ralph (Eloise) Buchan, Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley, Mrs. Ben (Roberta) Marsh,

Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper, Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee, Mrs. W. J. (Ruby) Bason, Mrs. Irene Meade, Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, and Mrs. Fred (Mildred) Finley.

The birthday offering of Women of the Church was \$110.67; and it went to the Evergreen Presbyterian Vocation School and to the training of workers for Presbyterian homes.

In April several of our Senior High Fellowship boys and girls went to the Presbyterian Youth Rally at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. They included: Peggy Taylor, Carolyn Gwyn, Susannah Cashion, Jimmy Ford, Becky Piper, Anita Ford, and Mike Meade. Mrs. R. G. (Mary) Taylor, Jr. accompanied them. Pioneer Camp at Laurel Ridge was attended this year by Jenny Lou Piper, Rosalyn Gwyn, Ann Heath Finley, Jimmy Clements, and Jimmy Winkler.

Charles McDonald Coffey III, another son of the congregation, was graduated in May from Union Theological Seminary with Th.D. degree, and began teaching at Erskine Theological Seminary at Due West, S. C.

Wilkes Central graduates were William A. Blair, Mac Dalrymple, John Stout, Judy Kimbrell, Pat Lewis, Pat Zimmerman, and Jayne Mason.

Bible School enrollment was seventy with Mrs. Joe (Jane) West, Mrs. Neal (Irene) Christenbury, Mrs. W. O. (Dorothy) Johnston, Joyce Christenbury, Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton, Mrs. James (Nancy) Bumgarner, Mrs. Theodore (Hilda) Holder, Mrs. Paul (Jan) Brooks, Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Strickland, Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry, Mrs. C. C. (Margaret) Cleetwood, Mrs. Ben Marsh, Mrs. John (Rebecca) Hubbard, Mrs. W. S. (Martha) Clements, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Isabella Gibbs, and Molly Winkler assisting as teachers and helpers.

We rejoiced with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. (Clara) Cashion who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 1st.

Mr. Cooper was invited to join a class in historical geography and archaeology from St. Andrews College for three weeks' study at St. George's College in Jerusalem. The group also visited Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and other sections in Israel, Galilee, and back by way of Athens, Rome and London. We were pleased he had this wonderful opportunity to make this trip, and share with us some of his experiences by slides (between 300 and 400). Many civic clubs, other churches, schools, etc. were interested and Mr. Cooper was much in demand as a speaker upon his return.

While he was away, we had the following ministers as supply pastors: Rev. Harry Smith, campus Pastor at the University of North Carolina; Rev. James Monroe, Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery; Dr. J. Harry Whitmore, retired, Thomasville; Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence, Executive Secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Charlotte; and Dr. Daniel Rhodes, Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Davidson College.

Our young people had as their guests the young people from North Wilkesboro Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro Methodist, Wilkesboro Baptist, Wilkesboro Methodist, Atonement Lutheran, and St. Paul's Episcopal to meet with them one Sunday evening in June. Miss Mary Louise Clements led them in hymn singing after a picnic supper.

Susannah Cashion, Becky Piper, and Peggy Taylor finished their hospital aide course and received their bars in March. Advanced first aide certificates in Girl Scout work were given in August to Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper, Suzie Lewis, Jane and Peggy Taylor. Carolyn Gwyn represented North Wilkesboro at Senior Roundup in Idaho this summer.

Leadership School held in Elkin Presbyterian Church for Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and others was attended by Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Dr. C. C. Cleetwood, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Dalrymple, Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn, Mrs. Claude (Frances) Hall, Shirley Meade, Mrs. W. V. Piper, and Mr. and Mrs. Watt Cooper.

Suzie Lewis and Jane Taylor attended Westminister Fellowship Conference at Montreat in August. Mrs. E. S. Finley and Mrs. W. H. McElwee attended Synodical Training School in Greenville, N. C.; Mrs. R. E. Lewis and Mrs. McElwee attended some classes at Woman's

Conference in July, and Mrs. John R. Church, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, and Mrs. Lewis attended Spiritual Retreat at Glade Valley in August.

We again had some young people attend Presbyterian Guidance Center at St. Andrews College in August to take tests and get guidance counseling toward their life's work. Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, and Miss Mary Louise Clements accompanied Susannah Cashion, Peggy Taylor, Dottie Walker, Becky Piper, Elizabeth McElwee, Jimmy Lowe, Syd Spainhour, and Bill Clements.

Mrs. Ray (Nancy) Triplett came back to us as Weekday Church School director and teacher in September, as Mrs. Robert Berry found it necessary to resign. We appreciated the fine work of Mrs. Berry, and felt indeed fortunate in securing Mrs. Triplett again. Mr. Gordon Ogilvie served as Chairman of Kindergarten Committee.

New officers of Women of the Church were installed in September as follows: President, Mrs. E. S. Finley; First Vice President, Mrs. Watt Cooper; Second Vice President, Mrs. John R. Church; Secretary, Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout; Chairman Personal Faith and Family Life, Mrs. W. H. McElwee; Chairman of Leadership and Resources, Mrs. R. E. Lewis; Chairman Christian Community Action, Mrs. C. C. Cleetwood; Chairman Ecumenical Missions and Relations, Mrs. Aiji Tashiro; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Perry (Bobbie) Snipes, Mrs. John Hubbard, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt, Mrs. W. C. (Rebecca) Grier, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr., Mrs. Joe West, Miss Mable Ham, Miss Norma Stevenson, Mrs. Gordon (Hope) Forester, Mrs. Carl (Margaret) Coffey. The women voted to have only seven Women of the Church meetings next year.

A big event for our women was being host to Fortieth Annual meeting of Winston-Salem Presbyterial. Preparing for this took many weeks of hard work, planning and cooperation for all women. Following meeting of Executive Board on October 8, these women were taken to a local restaurant for their evening meal. On October 9, approximately 135 persons were present for the meeting. Featured speakers were Rev. David Burr, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Charles Williams, Lexington; Mrs. Colon McLean, Synodical President; and Rev. James Monroe, Winston-Salem. Miss Ellen Robinson, Mrs. A. S. McCord were soloists from our Church, with Mrs. L. M. (Ellen) Nelson as organist. Mrs. E. S. Finley, our local President, welcomed the guests, and our social committee served a delicious lunch. Mrs. R. E. Lewis was elected Second Vice President of Presbyterial. The following local arrangement chairmen were commended for a job well done: President, Mrs. E. S. Finley; General Chairman, Mrs. L. S. Spainhour; Hospitality, Mrs. Neill Dalrymple; Social, Mrs. Guy Duncan; Registration, Mrs. Harold (Mary) Smith; Transportation and First Aid, Mrs. Leonard Brooks; Sanctuary, Mrs. Watt Cooper; Publicity, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver; Music, Mrs. L. M. Nelson; Pages, Mrs. Ralph Buchan; and Credentials, Mrs. W. H. McElwee.

Jim Ford, Jr. was elected President of the Seniors, and Mary Martha Vickery of the Pioneers. Mrs. W. V. Piper is assisting Mrs. Blair Gwyn with the Pioneers now.

A Brownie troop was organized at our Church with Mrs. W. O. Johnston and Mrs. Wendell Edgerton as leaders. Neil Cashion, Jim Massengill, Michael Brown and Robert Brown are serving as Scoutmasters this year.

On Rally Day it was learned that our average attendance was 204 and we had 10 with perfect attendance: Neill Dalrymple, Robert Meade, Gordon Ogilvie, Perry Snipes, Mrs. Irene Meade, Janet Meade, Dorothy McElwee, Patty Piper, Arthur Tashiro, and Bill Brooks.

Special services in October had Dr. Paul Tudor Jones, Idlewild Church, Memphis, Tennessee coming to us to preach. Dr. Louis Patrick, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, had our first service on Sunday night. Elder John R. Church was over-all chairman. Miss Mary Louise Clements and the choir contributed much to the success of these services.

Senior High Rally was held in Lexington at the First Presbyterian Church in November. Bobby Taylor, Bill Gwyn, Benson Marsh, Bobby Vickery, Mike Meade, Peggy Taylor, Dottie Walker, Susannah Cashion, Carolyn Gwyn, Patty Piper, Becky Piper, Anita Ford, Jim Ford, Larry Cooper, Ralph Buchan, Jr., Steve Tashiro, Dr. R. G. Taylor, Blair Gwyn, and Ralph

Buchan, Sr. were in attendance. Our young people continue to show a great deal of interest and enthusiasm, and we have a large number attending the meetings on Sunday evenings.

On December 20 we tried a new combination of Family night supper, Joy Gift program, and visit from Santa Claus. The Joy Gift offering amounted to \$303.90.

We were happy to welcome during the year the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Dannie) Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. (Jean) French, Helen Catherine, Carol and H. C. French III, Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Carol) Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Winton E. (Elizabeth) Gaither, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Eckroade, Mr. and Mrs. David Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee DeZern, Robert Lee DeZern, Jr., Mrs. Thomas (Fern) Blair, Mrs. Franklin Finley, Tony Baker, Teresa Bennett, Vicki Garrett, Mike Gwyn, John McElwee, Perry Snipes, and Donnie Roberson.

We were saddened by the deaths of M. A. Vickery, Mrs. E. A. (Virginia) Shook, and Carolyn Marianna Ogilvie (infant) who died at birth.

We only had one marriage during the year, Brenda Dawn Lovette to Joseph Rhea Gardner.

Babies born during the year: John Paul Yale to Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. (Blair) Yale, John Charles to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. (Catherine) Myers, Angela Rebecca to Mr. and Mrs. William A. (Vanya) Brame, Jr., John Lucas to Mr. and Mrs. John H. (Connie) Winkler, Jr., Vanya Leigh to Mr. and Mrs. W. V. (Elaine) Meade, Carolyn Evonne to Mr. and Mrs. Winston (Carol) Snyder, Carolyn Marianna to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Irma) Ogilvie, Mark David to Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan) Eller, and Helen Sisk to Dr. and Mrs. H. C. (Barbara) Landon III.

Babies baptized: Daniel Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ogburn; Thomas Forester, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Blair; John Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Blair also had their two other children baptized, Lee Sparks and Mark Sparks Blair.

A large number of our young people are away at college: Richard Blair and William A. Blair, East Tennessee State; Mary Elizabeth Buchan, Salem Academy; Mac Dalrymple, N. C. State; Roy Forehand, Jr., Lenoir Rhyne; Carolyn Faw, Suzie Lewis and John Stout, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Linda Hall, Brevard College; Jewell Kimbrell, Pat Zimmerman, Appalachian State; Pat Lewis, Jenet McIver, and Jane Taylor, University of N. C., Greensboro; Jayne Mason, Meredith ; Bill McElwee, Wake Forest; H. C. French III, University of Southern Mississippi; and Lanny Wiles, Highland School of Art.

## 1965

We began the year 1965 with 435 members, and we had contributed \$49,393.00 to all causes for the past year. The women began a new year with a new president and almost all new officers, eight circles, one inactive circle, and one home circle. Each woman has a special prayer partner during the year. The circles as usual contributed generously to budget of Women of the Church, served their turns on suppers for the young people, put flowers in the Church each Sunday morning, gave money for school lunches, to the Northside Kindergarten, to other underprivileged children, to retarded children's training class, to Miss Sara Dixon, food to needy families, money for books for the library, toys for our own nursery, gifts for folks at rest homes, Church Scholarship Fund, and to many other things.

The Church nursery was divided during the year, with one taking care of babies through two years old, and the other three and four years old. Mrs. Daisy Myers and Mrs. Jeannie Ogilvie were in charge, with help from the women and the young people.

The young people had their usual "famine" on a Sunday evening in February to give their supper money to foreign missions. The Seniors went on an African safari to homes of Benson Marsh, Dottie Walker and Ralph Buchan, Jr. There were appropriate decorations, refreshments, and a program fitting the occasion. The Seniors also prepared personal and school kits for use of people in the Congo.

In March an Every Member Bible Study was held in the sanctuary on the book of Exodus, and a "Covenant Community" was reviewed by Mrs. John (Rhona) Bennett, Billy

McElwee, Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn, Miss Ellen Robinson, Richard G. Finley, and Dr. C. C. Cleetwood.

Fifteen of our women attended District Conference in Elkin in April. Mrs. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr. conducted the devotional and Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis conducted a workshop. Others attending were Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley, Mrs. Elmer (Hilda) Kendrick, Mrs. Neill (Kathleen) Dalrymple, Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church, Miss Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. C. C. (Margaret) Cleetwood, Mrs. Ben (Roberta) Marsh, Mrs. John (Rebecca) Hubbard, Mrs. W. E. (Elizabeth) Gaither, Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper, Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, and Mrs. Perry (Bobbie) Snipes.

Becky Piper and Dottie Walker attended Spring Rally of Young People of Winston-Salem Presbytery. Becky Piper was also selected out of 132 girls to be an alternate Service Aide, during the month of June at Juliette Gordon Low birthplace in Savannah, Georgia.

The largest number of young people in history of our Church were graduated from high school this year and were as follows: Ralph Buchan, Jr., Lucinda Cleetwood, Larry Cooper, James K. Ford, Jr., Steve Fletcher, Russell Dancy, Jan Forehand, Jane Forester, Carolyn Gwyn, Betsy Kite, Elizabeth McElwee, Dick Sloop, Bill Suhammers, Steve Tashiro, Lynn Walker, and Victoria Lynn Woodie.

Nancy Payne was invited to attend Governor's School for gifted students at Salem College this year. Patty Piper received her certificate and Hospital Aide pin from National Girl Scout Association. Susannah Cashion, Peggy Taylor, Becky Piper, and Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs received Mother-Baby Care Certificates from the American Red Cross. Patsy Ford and Margi Lewis attended Pioneer Camp in June, and Ralph Buchan, Jr. attended Senior High Conference at Glade Valley.

Information concerning Camp and Retreat Center of this Presbytery was presented to the congregation in May by Paul Cashion, co-chairman for Area Number Two. Blair Gwyn and C. C. Faw, Jr. are co-chairmen for North Wilkesboro congregation.

The Birthday Offering for Women of the Church amounted to \$586.10 to be used for a much needed college and hospital in Korea.

The Pastor and L. M. Nelson attended meeting of Synod in Richmond, Virginia. They met there especially in order for members of Synod to see the urgent need for more adequate facilities at Union Seminary.

With Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord as Director and 109 present, the following helped with Bible School this year: Mrs. Perry Snipes, Mrs. H. C. (Barbara) Landon, III, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt, Joyce Christenbury, Pat Lewis, Patsy Ford, Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton, Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr., Miss Jane Taylor, Anita Ford, Ted Edgerton, Mrs. Hilda Holder, Mrs. Frank (Carol) Hartley, Mrs. Irene Christenbury, Mrs. Jan Brooks, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry, Mrs. Lillian Harris, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Mrs. Martha Clements, Mrs. Betty Crater, Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. Roberta Marsh, Susannah Cashion, Cathy Staley, Steve Snipes, Margi Lewis, Wayne Marsh, Ann Heath Finley, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. John Hubbard, and Benson Marsh.

North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Scouts and their leaders went for an 80 mile canoe ride down the Yadkin River. After many spills, wet and sunburned the boys earned their 50 mile Scout badges. Those making the trip were Scoutmasters Harold Vaughn, Robert Eckroade, Frank Hartley; scouts were Bobby Vickery, Bobby Taylor, Bill Gwyn, Benson Marsh, Jimmy Clements, Jimmy Winkler, Larry and Tony Baker.

Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Mary Turner Gibbs and Carolyn Gwyn attended Senior Girl Scout Roundup at Farragut, Idaho in July. Mrs. Gibbs and Mary Turner assisted in direction of the camp, and Carolyn represented Wilkes district.

Our rising high juniors went to St. Andrews College for extensive tests at the Guidance Center there. Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout, Mrs. E. S. Finley and Mrs. Neill Dalrymple accompanied Edward Finley, Jr., Mark Dalrymple, Linda Griffin, Patty Piper, Carol French, Anita Ford and Dottie McElwee.

Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, Mrs. R. E. Lewis and Mrs. E. S. Finley attended the Woman's Conference at Montreat in July.

The Women of the Church established a Scholarship Fund to help defray expense of college for deserving young people from our Church. This was later turned over to the deacons to handle. Due to many memorials this amounted to \$1,020.29. The idea was for the young people to borrow this without interest, and pay it back to this fund when they complete college.

The Weekday Kindergarten opened again in September with Mrs. Ray (Nancy) Triplett as teacher, and a full enrollment with waiting list, despite five other kindergartens in the Wilkesboros.

While Mr. Cooper was away for surgery and vacation, the following supplied our pulpit: Rev. Robert A. White, assistant minister, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. Daniel Rhodes, Professor of Religion at Davidson College; Dr. Arch McNair, Memorial Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama; and Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. former Pastor of Reynolda Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem.

Women of the Church Officers installed in September as follows: First Vice President, Mrs. James K. (Ruth) Ford; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. S. (Sue) Zimmerman; Secretary, Mrs. Ben Marsh; Treasurer, Mrs. Leonard Brooks; Historian, Mrs. Tom Ogburn; Chairman Ecumenical Missions and Relations, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr.; Chairman Community Action, Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. W. E. Gaither, Mrs. Robert Berry, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr., Mrs. Harold (Mary) Smith, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Mrs. Robert Eckroade, Mrs. W. V. Piper, Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. Boyd Stout. There will be nine circles, six Women of the Church meetings. Nursery, with paid helper, was started to allow young mothers a chance to come to the morning circle meetings.

Ten of our women attended Presbyterial at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington in October. They were Mrs. E. S. Finley, Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee, Mrs. W. E. Gaither, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr., Mrs. C. C. (Edna) Faw, Sr., Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. Watt Cooper, and Mrs. Elmer Kendrick.

Average Sunday School attendance as announced by Miss Elizabeth Finley, secretary for the past year, was 193. Seven people had perfect attendance: Leonard Brooks; Kate Ogilvie; Bill Brooks; Rosalyn Gwyn for three years; Ellen Ogilvie, four years; Peggy Taylor, seven years; and Joe Jones, eight years. The Superintendent was Gordon Finley, Jr. One adult class on Covenant Life Curriculum was continued with Mrs. Joe (Jane) West as teacher. All other classes decided to go back to International Sunday School lessons.

Mrs. L. S. Spainhour and Sam Vickery took over as Advisors of Senior High Fellowship because of illness and subsequent death of Mrs. Ralph (Eloise) Buchan, who had worked for many years with the young people of the Church and community. Mrs. Buchan had touched so many lives in schools, churches and in civic work. We also lost within a week another one of our faithful members, Mrs. John (Rhona) Bennett. Both were untimely deaths. There are no words to express the great loss of these fine young women.

Senior High Fellowship went to Greensboro on December 12 to see the Billy Graham movie, "The Restless Ones". Molly Winkler, W. S. Clements, Jr., James K. Ford, E. S. Finley, Jimmy Winkler, Al Spainhour, Joe Jones, Mary Martha Vickery, Becky Piper, Peggy Taylor, Susannah Cashion, Gene Spainhour, Benson Marsh, Gene Tashiro, Syd Spainhour, Jimmy Clements, Virginia Raymer, Mike Meade, Polly Carson, Anita Ford, Jennifer Jones, Dottie Walker and Linda Griffin.

A nominating committee elected by the congregation and consisting of Clerk of Session, E. S. Finley; Chairman of Deacons, Elmer Kendrick; President of Women of Church, Mrs. E. S. Finley; President of Senior High, Mike Meade; Director of Christian Education, Mrs. A. S. McCord, Jr.; submitted the following names for Elders in December: Gordon Finley, Jr., Claude Hall, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Ben Marsh, Gordon Ogilvie, Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, Perry Snipes, Sam Vickery, Joe West and Joe Zimmerman. Messrs. Finley, Ogilvie, Hall, Vickery, and Mrs. McElwee were elected by majority vote on first ballot.

On the following Sunday, the names of Robert Berry, Michael Brown, John Hubbard, Joe Darlington, Mrs. John R. Church, Frank Hartley, Joe Jones, Sr., Thomas Ogburn, Perry Snipes, Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Spainhour, Harold Vaughn, and Joe West were submitted for deacons by same committee as above. Elected were Messrs. Berry, Darlington, Ogburn, Snipes, West, and Mrs. John R. Church. Mrs. McElwee and Mrs. Church were our first women officers.

Mrs. J. B. (Kate) McCoy was another good member we lost by death during the year. Mrs. McCoy had been an active member in all phases of church work, and reared a fine family. We always miss those we lose by death or dismissal.

For a Church no larger than ours, we had quite a large number of college students, and the list seems to get longer each year. Our students and the colleges of their choices were as follows: Richard Blair, William Alexander Blair, East Tennessee State; Mary Elizabeth Buchan, Salem Academy; Ralph Buchan, Jr., Carolyn Faw, Jim Ford, Suzie Lewis, John Stout, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Larry Cooper, Lees McRae; Mac Dalrymple, N. C. State; Roy Forehand, Jan Forehand, Lenoir Rhyne; Jane Forester, Dick Sloop, Mitchell; Susan Forester, Washington School of Nursing; H. C. French III, Southern Mississippi; Carolyn Gwyn, Queens; Betsy Kite, Pat Lewis, Elizabeth McElwee, Jane Taylor, Lynn Walker, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Jayne Mason, Meredith; Bill McElwee, Wake Forest; William Summers, Gaston Technical; Steve Tashiro, Pennsylvania; and Pat Zimmerman, Appalachian State.

Other than Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Buchan and Mrs. Bennett, we also lost by death Mrs. Dora Woodie Lloyd, Mrs. Cora Colvard, Crystal Williams, and James L. Lowe.

We welcomed these into membership: Karen Lynn Crater, Arthur Stevenson McCord, III, Janet Lynn Meade, Charles Parks Reece, Robert Roland Yale, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. R. (Jan) Johnson, Linda Griffin, Fred Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Boulware, Mr. and Mrs. James A. (June) Cain, Nora Jane Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. (Barbara) Isley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Virginia) Jones, Sr., Joseph Jones, Jr., and Jennifer Lee Jones.

Marriages: Shirley Ann Meade and Bobby Gray Oliver, Mabel Hamm and Virgil Hayes, Martha McLaughlin to Claude Thomas Doughton, Jr., and Jan Forehand to Eddie Switzer.

Babies: Richard Scott to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. (Lorraine) Hubbard III, Robert Edison to Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Strickland, Alan Craig to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. (Jan) Johnson, Kevin Todd to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Rebecca) Lakey, and Jeffrey David to Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Lula) Payne.

Children Baptisms: John Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Blair) Yale: Terri Beth and Thomas Edward, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Peggy) Nagle, Jr.; Robert Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Mitchell, Jr.; Harold J., Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. (Dannie) Vaughn.

## 1966

We start out this year with 438 on roll. We lost seven by death, and dismissed fourteen. The Treasurer's report for 1965 showed that for all causes, the total given to the budget was \$52,068.00

The first major event of 1966 was the meeting of the Winston-Salem Presbytery in our Church on January 25. The Women of the Church served a delicious dinner to approximately 100 people. Dr. Lawrence Bottoms made the principal address, with our elders serving communion. History was made in this Presbytery with the first woman representative, and first woman ever to attend, our own Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee. We were especially pleased and proud of this distinction.

On February 20 the Intensive Bible Study was on "The World with Power" and was reviewed by Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis with the help of six of our young people: Syd Spainhour, Peggy Taylor, Dottie Walker, Susannah Cashion, Bill Gwyn, and Edward Finley,

Jr. World Mission Offering was \$168.30, which went to Missionary Outreach at Home and Abroad.

Again, the highest award that can be given by a church in the Boy Scout program was given to five boys, after a program of study that covered more than two years. The boys earning and receiving this award were: Jimmy Clements, Jimmy Winkler, Bill Gwyn, Benson Marsh, and Bobby Taylor. The Pastor, Mr. Cooper, spent many hours with these boys as did the Scoutmasters Harold Vaughn, Robert Eckroade, and Frank Hartley; the Scout Committee: Sam Vickery, Blair Gwyn, Claude Hall, Gordon Ogilvie, Paul Cashion, Perry Snipes, Charles Reece; also special thanks went to Mrs. A. S. (Elaine) McCord, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Martha) Clements, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn, Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Roberta) Marsh, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. (Mary) Taylor, Jr. Since many people might not know the requirements for this award, although we have had a number of boys to earn it over the years, we think it fitting to list these requirements for the God and Country award.

1. Give evidence of regular Bible reading and prayer.
2. Memorize books of the Bible, Lord's Prayer, Twenty-third Psalm, and other scripture.
3. Lead in prayer.
4. Systematic giving and support of the Church.
5. Regular attendance at Youth Fellowship.
6. Make map of mission stations and denominational institutions.
7. Describe National Council and World Council of Churches.
8. Explain Baptism and Lord's Supper.
9. Give history of local Church.
10. Bring new members to Sunday School.
11. Sing in choir or assist in ushering.
12. Study current mission study book.
13. Visit institution supported by Church.
14. Participate in rally and attend Church camp.
15. Describe historic Christian symbols.
16. State principle beliefs of Church.
17. List full time positions open in Church work.
18. Interview Christian business or professional man.
19. Participate in World Fellowship project.
20. State what church is doing to combat evil forces.
21. Direct group games or songs.
22. Plan for special day observances for family.
23. Participate in total of six projects during the period.

Cottage prayer meetings were held on March 23 in thirteen homes representing different neighborhoods, in preparation for revival services held during week of March 27-30. We had 93 attending the prayer services. Rev. David Burr, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, was our revival speaker. It was truly a week of spiritual enrichment.

Our Church participated in Holy Week services as is the custom with the other Churches of the Wilkesboros, with communion in our Church on Thursday evening of Holy Week.

Suzie Lewis was elected Moderator of Westminister Fellowship for Synod of North Carolina. She was active in this work all through her college career. College age Westminister group met during the summer in homes of students with Jane Taylor and Billy McElwee leading this group.

On April 29 six of our women attended Presbyterial at the Covenant Church in Winston-Salem. They were Mrs. W. E. (Elizabeth) Gaither, Mrs. J. S. (Sue) Zimmerman, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhart, Mrs. Ben (Roberta) Marsh, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry, and Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley.

\$165.85 was received at the Birthday Offering of Women of the Church, which went this year to the Church's mission program in Eastern Kentucky.

Mrs. A. S. (Elaine) McCord, our director of Christian Education, was forced by ill health to resign in May. She was succeeded by a full time DCE, Miss Darlene Newman, Bridgewater, Virginia, a graduate of Union Training School.

Week-day church Kindergarten ended another successful year on May 31, Mrs. J. Glenn (Emma) McNeil assisted Mrs. Ray (Nancy) Triplett this past year, and Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr. was Chairman of the Committee.

Fifteen of our young people were graduated from high school as follows: Neil Cashion, Jr., Susannah Cashion, Bill Clements, Carol French, Joe Jones, Jr., James Lowe, Jr., Michael Meade, Becky Piper, Syd Spainhour, Al Spainhour, Peggy Taylor, John Williams, James Earl Trivette, Dottie Walker, and Adella Runnion.

Thirty girls from Girl Scout Troop 127 left on June 7 for Camp Rockwood, Girl Scout Training Center, Washington D. C. for several days; accompanied by Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs, Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper and Jane Taylor from our Church. The Men's Bible Class generously sponsored the trip.

New Counselors for Pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Perry (Bobbie) Snipes, and for the Seniors, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr., assisted by Sam Vickery, took over in June. Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn, Mrs. W. V. Piper and Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour had served faithfully, giving up every Sunday evening away from their families, a service beyond the call of duty, and we cannot say enough in appreciation for all those who serve in this job.

Rev. John Gibbs, son of this Church, was awarded the doctor's degree (Ph. D.) at commencement of Princeton Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

One-hundred and four in attendance at Bible School with Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry in charge. The help of the following was appreciated: Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Landon III, Mrs. Sam (Jeannie) Ogilvie, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt, Mrs. W. O. (Dot) Johnston, Margi Lewis, Mrs. Neal (Irene) Christenbury, Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton, Mrs. Tom (Jan) Johnson, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr., Joyce Christenbury, John McElwee, Mrs. Theodore (Hilda) Holder, Mrs. Paul (Jan) Brooks, Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord, Mrs. Don (Barbara) Isley, Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater, Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper, Mrs. Bill (Martha) Clements, Mike Gwyn, Vicki Garrett, Keith Isley, Cathy Staley, Isabella Gibbs, Steve McCord, Mrs. John (Becky) Hubbard, and Mrs. Bill (Douglas) McElwee.

Gordon F. Ogilvie became Clerk of Session during the year. Mrs. Harold (Barbara) Baker and Mrs. Donald Isley were the Den Mothers of Cub Scouts. Jenny Lou Piper received her certificate in American Red Cross First Aid in July. Bobby Vickery was elected President of Senior High Fellowship, and Patsy Ford was President of Pioneers.

Visiting ministers during the summer months were Rev. Arch McNair, Minister of Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., former Pastor of Reynolda Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem; and Rev. Marion J. Murray, Banner Elk.

Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley and Mrs. Joe Reinhardt attended Synodical Training School in Montreat in June; Mrs. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr. and Mrs. E. S. Finley participated in Spiritual Retreat at Glade Valley in July.

Annual Church picnic was held at Doughton Park on Sunday, August 28, with Paul Cashion and Leonard Brooks in charge of arrangements.

New robes were bought for the choir in September. Contributions and donations from members of the congregation paid for these, and we were proud of our choir in their handsome new robes.

District meeting of Winston-Salem Presbyterial was attended by six of our women: Mrs. Joe Reinhardt, Miss Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, Mrs. J. S. Zimmerman, Mrs. Robert Berry, and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Sr.

New officers of the Women of the Church took office in October as follows: President,

Mrs. Joe Reinhardt; Treasurer, Mrs. Smith (Gladys) Hudson; Chairman of Personal Faith and Family Life, Mrs. Wendell Edgerton; Chairman of Leadership and Resources, Mrs. Robert Berry; Nursery Chairman, Mrs. Al (Martha) Searcy; and Circle Chairmen: Mrs. Robert (Blair) Yale, Mrs. Donald Isley, Mrs. Joe (Virginia) Jones, Mrs. T. R. (Jan) Johnson, Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mrs. Staton McIver, Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro, and Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout. Mrs. E. S. Finley was a devoted President for two years, and we appreciated the fine job she did, as well as the other retiring officers.

The circles contributed to many causes during the year such as: school lunches, North-side Kindergarten, Brownie Scouts, special education classes, scholarship fund, Vietnam clothing fund, Rhona Bennett Memorial at Wilkesboro School, Sara Dixon, Glade Valley School, John Luke, Jr. Memorial, Barium Springs, Seminary, Training School, White Cross, International Students, migrant workers, clothing and blankets for Church World Service, material needles and thread for Vietnamese and baby clothes.

Rally Day in October showed that we had an average attendance during the year of 203. Perfect attendance was made by Sam Ogilvie; Robert Meade; Janet Meade, two years; Bill Brooks, four years; Ellen Ogilvie, five years; and Jennifer Jones, six years.

Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry was secured as part time Director of Christian Education in November. Mrs. Berry had college training in this field and an excellent background in youth work. Sam Vickery worked with Wilkesboro members during the year in trying to revive the work at the Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

We had twenty-eight of our young people to attend Fall Rally at Winston-Salem on November 13. Our young people were especially active as can be noted by the large number going to these out of town meetings. They had good crowds at their youth meetings also.

The Joy Gift offering for retired ministers and their families amounted to \$298.62. We had our usual Christmas music, parties, and beautifully decorated Church to end our Christmas season and our year. This was climaxed by giving Mr. Cooper and his family a lovely new car, with our deep love and appreciation.

We received the following new members into the Church during the year: Mr. and Mrs. Al Searcy, Miss Sarah Bauguss, Mr. and Mrs. Jerone (Anne) Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Clay (Mae) Bauguss, Miss Cathy Bauguss, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Agnes) Dancy, Russell Dancy, Mrs. Woodrow Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Deanna) Church, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Faught, Martha Arlene Clements, Harold Baker, Jr., Nancy Boyd, Ivan Forehand, Catherine Ann Johnston, Ellen Ogilvie, David Preston Sink, Debbie Walker, David Brown, Bill West, Landon Alfriend, Richard Tashiro, Janice Cain, Jimmy Cain, Keith Isley, John Hubbard, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. James (Allie) Dorman, Lois Dorman, John Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Yvonne) Montgomery, Mrs. James (Edith) Steele, Mr. Gerald Lankford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Beth) Erwin, Sr., Charles Erwin, Jr., Cindy Carlton, Woodrow Pruitt, and Terry Pruitt.

We had one death, Mr. Samuel P. Mitchell.

Marriages: Jayne Mason and Louis Strother, Mary Turner Gibbs and Kenneth L. Manwaring, Sylvia Holder and William Jackson Day, Elizabeth Absher and Leonard Brooks, Jr., Linda Hall and Arthur Gerald Lankford, Brenda Hall and Maurice Elledge, Mary Frances Cashion and Harry Galifianakis, Phyllis Ann McGlamery and William A. Blair, Vicki Carol Cothren and William D. Summers, Mary Elizabeth Harris and Kurt Von Gehr, Betty Robertson and Howard Brown, and Charlotte Stumph and Dr. John Bennett.

Births: Emily Burke to Lt. and Mrs. James (Judith) Bloomfield; Lana Leigh to Mr. and Mrs. Lanny (Peggy) Wiles; William Daniel, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Vicki) Summers; Heath Rayburn to Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn (Carol) Byrd; Amy Baker, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. (Dannie) Vaughn; and Karen Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Foster, who lived only a few hours.

We had only one baptism: Heath Rayburn Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Byrd.

We had thirty-nine students at college: Richard Blair, East Tennessee State; Mary Elizabeth Buchan, Salem Academy; Ralph Buchan, Jr., Carolyn Faw, Pat Lewis, Suzie Lewis, John Stout, John Williams, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Susannah Cashion, St. Andrews College; Bill Clements, Al Spainhour, Mac Dalrymple, N. C. State;

Betsy Kite, Elizabeth McElwee, Jane Taylor, Lynn Walker, University of N. C. Greensboro; Larry Cooper, National Business College; Russell Dancy, H. C. Frenck, Jr., Billy McElwee, Wake Forest; Roy Forehand, Jr., Mrs. Jan F. Switzer, Lenoir Rhyne; Jane Forester, Richard Sloop, Mitchell; Susan Forester, Washington School of Nursing; Carol Frenck, Rebecca Piper, Dottie Walker, East Carolina; Carolyn Gwyn, Queens, Joe Jones, Jr., Davidson; James Lowe, Jr., Steve Tashiro, Guilford; Mike Meade, Pat Zimmerman, Appalachian State; Adella Runnion, Wingate; Syd Spainhour, The Citadel; Bill Summers, Gaston Technical; James Trivette, Western Carolina; and Peggy Taylor, Wake Forest.

We have five of our young men serving their country in the armed forces: Steve Steele, W. A. Blair, James K. Ford, Jr., Jerry Myers and Wayne Steele. We were real proud of these boys and tried to remember them from time to time with letters.

### 1967

Our net communicants at beginning of the year were 483 members. We reported 438 at the beginning of 1966, added 45, plus members of Wilkesboro Chapel, and lost 15. Therefore, at beginning of the year 1967 we had 483 members. The annual Treasurer's report showed that we had one of our best years with a grand total to all causes in the amount of \$51,085.00.

A committee was appointed to examine the church roll. The Book of Church Order required that this be done, and those who have not participated in a year or more, be put on an inactive roll.

The Weekday Kindergarten began the year with Mrs. Charles (Kay Forester) Myers as director-teacher, assisted by Mrs. Wayne (Daisy) Myers, and the anticipation of another fine year. Our sincere appreciation was given to Mrs. Ray (Nancy) Triplett and to Mrs. Glenn (Emma) McNeil for their fine work with the kindergarten.

The Rev. David Burr, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, was again our guest minister for a series of special services the last of February. A breakfast and program for Men of the Church was held one morning during this week. The fact that the Rev. Burr was asked to come back again proved him a dynamic preacher and very popular with our congregation. These services were a truly rewarding experience.

We welcomed Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, Jr., of Union Seminary, for summer work at Wilkesboro Chapel and also to help with youth work at our church. Dr. R. E. Lewis supplied the Wilkesboro Chapel for several months before Mr. Jordan came.

Mrs. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr. led our Intensive Bible Study in February and we were honored by our Presbyterial President, Mrs. Charles Graham, being present for the meeting and covered dish supper. An offering for World Missions of \$135.35 was taken. Mrs. J. W. McQueen was guest speaker for our May birthday program, when our offering was \$170.10.

New draperies were purchased with surplus money of the Women of the Church for use in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour was chairman of this project; and with a new paint job by volunteers Robert Meade, Bob Berry, and Henry Church, the room was made cozier and more attractive.

The Senior Highs attended a two day retreat at Camp Susan Barbour Jones in April and twenty-seven of our young people attended, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Linda) Lankford and Mr. and Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church.

We rejoiced with and were proud of a number of our young people who won quite a few honors during the year. Edward Finley, Jr. became a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Jennifer Jones won the Reynolds Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Nancy Payne won the Hankins Scholarship award to Wake Forest College. Jane Taylor was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Susan Forester was elected President of Student Body at the District

of Columbia School of Nursing; Joe Jones, Jr. was exchange student for six weeks in Denmark and Sweden; Anita Ford won the DAR Good Citizenship Award; Gene Spainhour was delegate to Boys State; Margi Lewis served as pageette in State Legislature in Raleigh; Bobby Taylor was one of the finalists in Morehead nominees; and Susannah Cashion, Elizabeth McElwee and Jane Forester served as counselors at Camp Susan Barbour Jones during the summer.

Ten of our young people were graduated from high school: Tommy Boyd, Mark Dalrymple, Edward Finley, Jr., Anita Ford, Jennifer Jones, Dorothy McElwee, Nancy Payne, Patricia Piper and Arthur Tashiro from Wilkes Central; Mary Elizabeth Buchan from Salem Academy.

In June, Blair Gwyn, Joe West, E. S. Finley, Gordon Ogilvie, Neill Dalrymple, and Sam Vickery attended Men's Conference at Montreal.

In midst of its year of accomplishments, the Women of the Church, felt a great loss in the death of Mrs. Lura Finley Coffey, who had given it and Winston-Salem Presbyterial so much of her time, interest and dedicated effort over a long period. She was truly an inspiration to all who knew and worked with her in the church. Her husband, C. Don Coffey, Jr., followed her in death within a few weeks. He had long been a trustee of the church.

We extended our appreciation to all the teachers and helpers in another successful Bible school, where 97 were in attendance: Doris Berry, Doug McElwee, Becky Hubbard, Carolyn Faught, John McElwee, Isabella Gibbs, Mary Cooper, Martha Clements, Mary Giles, Cathy Staley, Keith Isley, Mike Gwyn, Chuck Erwin, Barbara Isley, Jan Johnson, Martha Searcy, Carolina Finley, Carolyn Gwyn, Vonnie Montgomery, Jane Ogburn, Hilda Holder, Mari Montgomery, Joyce Christenbury, Dot Johnston, Kay Myers, Ruth Ford, Betty Reinhardt, Pat Lewis, Vicki Garrett, Janet Meade, and Anita Ford.

Pioneer Camp at Susan Barbour Jones was attended by Mari Montgomery, Vicki Garrett, Keith Isley, Mike Gwyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jordan.

Cordial welcomes were extended to our guest ministers during the summer vacation period, who were: Rev. Anthony Pollard, Superintendent of Hughes Memorial Orphanage, Danville, Virginia; Dr. Arch McNair, Minister of Pastoral Care, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Wade H. Boggs, Jr., Professor of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia; and Dr. John T. Wayland, Interim Supply Pastor of First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Jordan left the last of August to return to Union Seminary, but the services at the Chapel were continued by some of our members, namely: Gordon Finley, Jr., Gordon Ogilvie, Dr. R. E. Lewis, Perry Snipes, and Sam Ogilvie.

Several of our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders completed long and fruitful years of service in October: Mrs. C. C. (Mary Jo) Faw, Jr., twenty years; Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, seventeen years; Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater, eight years; and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr., two years with Senior High Fellowship.

Gene Spainhour was elected president of Senior Highs, and Chuck Erwin, president of Pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Perry (Bobby) Snipes are leaders of Pioneers; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford and Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Church of the Seniors.

The annual picnic at Doughton Park was held as usual late in the summer. It is usually held before fall season and new endeavors start, and before our young people leave for college. Paul Cashion and Leonard Brooks were in charge of arrangements.

We started sending bulletins in the mail during the week to all church families, together with college students and servicemen. This was of great benefit, especially to those away from home, and for those who were unable to attend Sunday services regularly.

The Secretary of the Sunday School, Miss Elizabeth Finley, reported on Rally Day that we had an average attendance at Sunday School of 201.9 with an enrollment of 314. Perfect attendance records were made by Mrs. Joe (Virginia) Jones, Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Blair Gwyn, Arthur Finley, Fred Finley, Robert Meade, Martha and Margaret Ogilvie, one year; Janet Meade, three years; Kate Ogilvie, Bill Brooks, five years; and Ellen Ogilvie, six years.

On Sunday, October 22, we had Laymen's Sunday, with Dr. R. E. Lewis, W. H. McElwee as speakers, assisted by Sam Vickery and John R. Church. Terry Pruitt played the organ and the choir was composed of all men. Other men assisted with ushering. This is to be an annual event of the church as voted by the Session.

Twenty-seven of our senior young people attended a two day retreat at Camp Susan Barbour Jones with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford and Mr. and Mrs. John Church in charge. As the young people prepare for a new year's work, this was thought to be a very beneficial trip.

New officers of Women of the Church were: First Vice President, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.; Second Vice President, Mrs. John (Rebecca) Hubbard; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Faught; Chairman Christian Community Action, Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington; Chairman of Ecumenical Missions and Relations, Mrs. John R. Church; Chairman of Nursery, Mrs. T. R. (Jan) Johnson; and Circle Chairmen: Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Spainhour, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis, Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, Mrs. W. O. (Dorothy) Johnston, Mrs. James Dorman, Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, Mrs. James (Ruth) Ford. Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt continued in second year as President.

In an election at the end of the year on our rotation system, new elders were elected as follows: E. S. Finley, Blair Gwyn, Dr. R. E. Lewis, Staton McIver, and Dr. R. G. Taylor. At the completion of this election, new deacons were elected as follows: Clay Bauguss, Gerald Lankford, Ben Marsh, Harold Vaughn, and Dr. James Dorman. R. G. Finley was elected a trustee to replace the late C. Don Coffey, Jr.

At the annual Joy Gift program held on December 17, the offering amounted to a record \$310.15. This offering is to aid retired and disabled ministers, and we always encourage the support of this worthy offering. The Senior Highs's presented the play, "The Vision". The Thanksgiving offering of \$400.00 was also a record.

Those who joined our church during this year were as follows: Mari Montgomery, Dwight Crater, Jr., Kim Erwin, Keith Garrett, Ed Griffith, Kyle Isley, Rosemary Marsh, Angela Ogilvie, Larry Bennett, Charles T. Justin, Jr., Donnie Payne, James Alan Payne, Corinne Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Heath Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Justin, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sprinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Jean) West, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Jane) Smink, Mrs. Ralph (Emma) Buchan, Mary Griffith, Frances Griffith, Mrs. Jane Duncan King, and John A. Cashion.

We lost these good people by death: H. M. Morton, Colonel Henry Blair, Wayne Myers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., and Robert S. Ogilvie.

marriage: Carolyn Faw to Sam Zimmerman, Jane Taylor to Homer Brookshire, Jr., Roy Forehand, Jr., to Mary Ann Keziah, Neill M. Dalrymple to Helen M. Beasley, Ralph G. Buchan, Sr., to Emma Griffith, and Betty Nash McIver to Thomas Luning.

Babies born during the year to members were: Robert Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bumgarner, Gregory Paul to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Galifianakis, Amanda Jane to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Oliver, William A. Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Blair, Ansley Carole to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Herring. Melissa Beth to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kilby, Bradley Howell to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Crater, and Cynthia Elise to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Snyder. Our secretary, Mrs. Everett Felts, also gave birth to a baby boy, and we were so happy for Mr. and Mrs. Felts on this new arrival.

Those baptized in our church were: Amy Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Dannie) Vaughn; Ansley Carole, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Herring; and Bradley Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Crater.

Our college students grow in number every year and we sent the following off with our blessings and best wishes for a good year: Richard Blair, East Tennessee State; Mary Elizabeth Buchan, Pine Manor Junior College; Ralph Buchan, Jr., Edward Finley, Jr., Pat Lewis, John Stout, Arthur Tashiro, Lynn Walker, John Williams, and Carolyn Faw Zimmerman, University of N. C. Chapel Hill; Susannah Cashion, St. Andrews; Larry Cooper, Wilkes Community College; Mark Dalrymple, Gardner Webb; Mac Dalrymple and Al Spainhour,

N. C. State; Russell Dancy, Nancy Payne and Peggy Taylor, Wake Forest; Libby Dorman, Jane Forester, Michael Meade, Pat Zimmerman, Appalachian State; Anita Ford, Jennifer Jones, Betsy Kite, Elizabeth McElwee, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Susan Forester, Washington School of Nursing; Carolyn Gwyn, Queens; Joseph Jones, Jr., Davidson; James L. Lowe, Jr., Stephen Tashiro, Guilford; Dorothy McElwee, Greensboro; Patricia Piper, Hamlet School of Nursing; Rebecca Piper, Dorothy Walker, East Carolina University; Adella Runnion, Wingate; Syd Spainhour, The Citadel; Wayne Steele, Richmond Professional Institute; Mrs. Jan Forehand Switzer, Lenoir Rhyne and James Earl Trivette, Western Carolina.

## 1968

Our Church continued along its traditional lines of inspiration, service, comfort and dedicated effort to its members and to its community. We were again privileged to be led by Rev. Watt M. Cooper in spiritual guidance and pastoral care. Worship through music continued to be led by Miss Mary Louise Clements, and her three choirs. Claude Hall was kept busy as Church Treasurer, and Gordon Ogilvie continued as Clerk of Session. Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry was devoted to her work as Director of Christian Education, and Mrs. Frances Felts was still our efficient and gracious secretary. Dudley Waugh had for some years been our Sexton and has been irreplaceable, responding often for extra duties far beyond the call of duty. C. C. Faw, Jr. presided over the deacons, taking care of the business affairs of the Church with great efficiency.

Our annual report at the end of 1967 showed that we began 1968 with 484 members. We contributed to all causes in the amount of \$57,188.00. Our ratio of benevolences to current expense was not what we hoped it to be, but as we sought to fulfill the mission of the Church, we hoped to improve this. Also, we hoped to seek out and enlist people who were not attending religious services to become involved in Christian life of the community.

A series on "Presbyterian Beliefs" and "Basic Christian Beliefs" was begun at midweek services. We found that we had a lot in common with other Christian churches, more points that unite us than divide us. Attendance was excellent.

Elder Sam Vickery was again elected by Winston-Salem Presbytery to be a Commissioner to General Assembly. Others serving on important committees in Presbytery were: Blair Gwyn, Commission on Minister and his work; Sam Ogilvie, Witness Committee; Neill Dalrymple, Committee on Strengthening the Church; and Sam Vickery, Committee on Annuities and Relief.

The National award "Merchandising Man of the Year" was presented to one of our members, Robert Montgomery. Mrs. Sue Landon Alfriend was honored in 'Who's Who of American Women'. Nancy Myers, Benson Marsh, and Bobby Taylor were elected to National Honor Society at Wilkes Central. Many of our students made the Dean's List at their respective colleges. Ralph Buchan, Jr. received \$1,000 scholarship for further study in journalism.

The World Mission offering amounted to \$178.72 from Sunday School, with children's special offering of \$10.73 going to help buy pianos and organs for churches in the Congo. \$168.00 was collected through Women of the Church.

Our Scout Leaders, Harold Vaughn and Frank Hartley, resigned and Harry Galifianakis became Scoutmaster. An effort was made to have all our Presbyterian boys join the Boy Scouts to help build up a fine troop.

Birthday offering for Women of the Church amounted to \$101.40. This went to TRAV agency in Atlanta, which coordinates television, radio and audio visual work for the church.

New president of senior highs was Jimmy Winkler, and Lynn Crater was president of the pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Linda) Lankford and Mr. and Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church are again advisors to seniors, while Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn was again serving the pioneers as their advisor.

Our 1968 graduates from high school were Frances Cashion, Bill Gwyn, Benson Marsh,

Bobby Taylor, Gene Spainhour, Nancy Myers, Terry Pruitt, Susan Hudson, and Bobby Vickery.

We had 94 at Bible school with Betty Reinhardt, Betty Strickland, Janet Meade, Carol Hartley, Karolen Church, Petesy Gwyn, Ann Heath Finley, Vanya Forehand, Jean Garrett, Carolyn Faught, Carolina Finley, Jan Johnson, Isabella Gibbs, Paula Church, Kay Myers, Becky Hubbard, Beth Erwin, Chuck Erwin, John McElwee, Jane West, and Doris Berry assisting.

Our guest ministers during the summer months were Rev. Lewis J. Yelanjian; Dr. C. Don Coffey, teacher in Seminary at Erskine College; Dr. Wade H. Boggs, Jr.; and Dr. John T. Wayland.

Some other honors that went to some of the students were: Susan Forester attended Washington, D. C. General Hospital on full scholarship, and was awarded most outstanding nurse in obstetrics ward, was president of student body, and president of senior class; Gene Spainhour was among ten entering freshmen who were named first Carswell Scholars at Wake Forest with \$1,000 scholarship; David Brown attended Western Carolina University for gifted children. He achieved this honor two straight years.

In July Vicki Garrett, Ellen Ogilvie, Corinne Richardson, Lynn Crater, Keith Garrett, Kyle Isley, Richard Tashiro, and Charles Justin attended pioneer camp at Susan Barbour Jones.

Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry found it necessary to resign as director of Christian Education after twenty months of dedicated service. Mrs. Ted (Jacqueline) Hall was approved as full time DCE. We welcomed Mrs. Hall to this important job in the Church.

Our sincere thanks went to Robert Meade for painting the Church offices. Earlier he had painted the kitchen and corridors of the fellowship hall. Robert, often over the years, has volunteered his services around the Church, and many people do not realize what a great help this is.

Members of our senior and pioneer groups joined representatives of other local churches in August in presenting "Good News", a Christian folk musical which tells of Jesus Christ in teenage language and music.

The annual picnic was held in September at Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The senior high fellowship presented a skit, entitled, "Gagnet."

A teacher workshop was held at our church in September; taught by visiting teachers from Winston-Salem, including Area DCE, Sara Frances Thompson. This workshop was valuable opportunity to become familiar with Covenant Life Curriculum material.

A new young adult class was organized for young men and women, single and married, who have finished high school. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hall were the discussion leaders for the first quarter.

For nine weeks, under the leadership of Sam Vickery and Mrs. W. A. (Vanya) Brame, Jr., five young people explored their aptitudes and interests, looking toward a Christian choice of vocation. It was climaxed by a weekend trip to St. Andrews College and the Guidance Center there. Tests and personal interviews were given in order to help them make a wise choice.

Rally Day marked the beginning of a new Sunday School year. Average attendance for the past year was 185. Those with perfect attendance were Mrs. Wayne (Daisy) Myers, Mrs. Robert (Cecil) Meade, Sam Ogilvie, Arthur Finley, Robert Meade, Sam Ogilvie, Jr., Annette Myers, one year; Margaret Ogilvie, Martha Ogilvie, and Mike Gwyn, two years; Janet Meade, four years; Kate Ogilvie, six years; and Ellen Ogilvie, seven years. Gordon Finley, Jr. was succeeded as superintendent of sunday school by Sam Vickery.

On October 1st, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver assumed the duties of president of Women of the Church for a two-year period succeeding Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt, who had provided able leadership during her term. Other new officers at this time were: First Vice President, Miss Norma Stevenson; Second Vice President, Mrs. Joe Reinhardt; Secretary, Mrs. R. G. (Mary) Taylor, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. (Elizabeth) Finley; historian, Mrs. A. S.

(Elaine) McCord; and pastor's aide, Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout.

During the fall season a craft's lab was held weekly where our women learned to make attractive Christmas ornaments and decorations. Instructors were Mrs. Watt (Mary) Cooper, Mrs. Loren (Nancy) Buchanan, Mrs. Dwight (Betty) Crater, and Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour.

World's Service United Clothing appeal in October brought 125 pounds of clothing from our church. Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church, chairman, was assisted by the pioneers in sorting and packing the clothes.

Library and Audio Visual Committee sponsored a covered dish supper and book fair in December. This committee gave the members of the congregation a chance to purchase a book as a gift for the library.

Girl Scout Troop 127 filled thirty-six friendship boxes and sixteen bags of clothing for children in Vietnam which the Red Cross mailed for them.

It was with deep regret that two of our faithful members moved from our community and Church. Neill Dalrymple served the Lord through his work as Elder, sunday school teacher, choir member, scouts, and chairman of several committees and many other services in Church and community too numerous to mention. His wife, Kathleen, was employed as Church visitor, and had visited our sick, comforted the bereaved, welcomed new members and was a joy to be around, a perfect personality for this kind of job and loved by everyone. The Church always misses any of our members when they leave us, but we have to mention especially these two who gave so generously of their time for their church and their Lord.

Robert Montgomery, who just a week before, had been installed as deacon, died unexpectedly on November 30. He had a lovely voice and sang in the choir. We shall miss him greatly.

Our Thanksgiving offering was the highest on record for our church in the amount of \$422.76. This went to Barium Springs Orphanage as usual.

During the Christmas season, we had our usual lovely music, Christmas parties, gifts brought for needy children, parties for old folks at rest homes, lovely decorations, caroling, and Christmas Eve Worship Service. The Joy Gift amounted to \$239.69. The young people joined the Women of the Church in presenting a seasonal program of plays for this worship service.

Members lost by death during the year other than Mr. Montgomery were Mrs. Will (Alma) Blair, Mrs. P. E. Warren, R. W. Gwyn, Jr., Mrs. E. S. Zimmerman, and Mrs. R. W. (Tate) Gwyn, Sr. Mrs. Gwyn was our last charter member. Their Christian influence will be greatly missed.

Our new members included the following: Mrs. Peggy Wiles, Miss Carol Garmon, Mrs. W. H. (Cathy Parks) McElwee III, Mr. and Mrs. James (Ellen) Spainhour, Mr. and Mrs. Ted (Jacqueline) Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey (Jean) York, Jamye York, Paul Gwyn, Betty Jo Stewart, Allen Blevins, Lance Pennell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Wayne) Wright, Joe Wright, John Wright, Larry Glenn Johnson, Neal Brown, Paige Hall, Helen Justin, Robby Berry, Debbie Christenbury, Kate Ogilvie, Mrs. James (Jane) Bouchelle, and Mrs. William C. (Janie) Thompson.

Wedding bells rang out for Becky Piper to Lance Pennell, Brenda Holt to Larry Johnson, Cathy Parks to William H. McElwee III, Patricia Lewis to Richard B. Johnston, Jr., Lynn Walker to Philip Riker, Carol Garmon to John Stout, Joyce Bumgarner to Jerry Myers, Adella Runnion to Frank Pardue, Jane Duncan King to Ernest W. Miller, Dorothy Walker to Robert C. Moynihan, and Helen Roberson to Larry Parsons.

Babies born to members were Andrew Glenn to Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Jean) West, Jr., James Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Sue) Summers, Melanie Rebecca to Mr. and Mrs. Lance (Becky) Pennell, Richard Gray, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Grimes, Thomas Douglas, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sprinkle, Allison Elizabeth to Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Brenda) Johnson, Joseph Samuel to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zimmerman and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, Jr.

We had one baby baptized, Andrew Glenn West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred West.

We have forty-two college students: Richard Blair, John Dorman, East Tennessee State; Mary E. Buchan, Pine Manor Junior College; Ralph Buchan, Edward Finley, Lynn Walker Ricker, Arthur Tashiro, John Williams, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Susannah Cashion, St. Andrews; Frances Cashion, Lees McRae; Henry Church, Mac Dalrymple, Benson Marsh, Al Spainhour, N. C. State; Larry Cooper, Wilkes Community; Mark Dalrymple, Jane Forester, Appalachian State; Russell Dancy, Nancy Payne, Peggy Taylor, Bobby Taylor, Bill Gwyn, Bill McElwee, Gene Spainhour, Wake Forest; Anita Ford, Betsy Kite, Jennifer Jones, Elizabeth McElwee, Jenet McIver, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Carolyn Gwyn, Queens; Joe Jones, Jr., Davidson and University of Montpelier, France; James Earl Trivette, Western Carolina; Susan Trivette Hudson, X Ray Department Wilkes General Hospital; James Lowe, Jr., Stephen Tashiro, Guilford; Dorothy McElwee, Greensboro; Patricia Piper, Hamlet School of Nursing; Syd Spainhour, The Citadel; Wayne Steele, Richmond Prof. Institute; Mrs. Jan Forehand Switzer, Lenoir Rhyne; and Bobby Vickery, Dorothy Walker Moynihan, East Carolina.

## 1969

We began the year of 1969 with this New Year's Resolution before us, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We were urged by our pastor, Mr. Cooper, to be more faithful in church attendance, Sunday School, and other church functions. We began the first part of the year with special emphasis on Christian witnessing with mission and evangelistic services. From January through March, our midweek services were on "World Religions." On January 22, Rev. J. A. McAlpine, missionary to Japan, spoke at a supper meeting.

Our every member canvas was every successful with our total pledge to 1969 budget amounting to \$52,882.00. With the exception of 1958, this was the best canvas we ever had.

We lost one of our most generous and faithful deacons early in January, Joe Darlington. He had been in ill health for two years before his death, but his faith and courage grew stronger during this period.

A good many of our members were victims of the flu epidemic in January. The church office generously offered any assistance during this time. With so many sick the church could not function quite as well, but we were thankful that we had no losses by death during this time.

Our annual report showed that we had 502 members on roll at the end of 1968. We gained twenty-seven and lost nine. We are including the nineteen members of the Wilkesboro Chapel in this number. Our grand total to all causes amounted to \$62,385.00.

Rev. Stewart Bridgeman, missionary to Taiwan, was our guest minister on February 2. We were indeed fortunate in having two missionaries speak to us during our Christian witness season. The World Mission offering from Women of the Church was in the amount of \$147.75.

It was necessary to elect three new deacons to serve in place of two of our deacons who have died recently and one who moved away. In February this election was completed and new deacons elected were Robert Meade, Michael Brown, and Max Garrett.

Gifts from Women of the Church, Men's Bible Class and other anonymous donors made it possible to purchase a new piano for the fellowship hall, which was badly needed.

Mrs. Joe (Jane) West taught a capsule course on the history of the Christian church in March. This course was primarily for teachers in Sunday School who were teaching this to their classes, but any interested members of the congregation were invited to attend.

A very beautiful funeral pall was given to our church anonymously. This was a covering of fine cloth to be placed over caskets instead of flowers should a family so desire. We felt

this to be a most appropriate gift, and it was much appreciated.

A get-acquainted party, sponsored by Vanguard Class, for young married couples of the church was held in March. Food, fun and fellowship was the order of the evening.

Our pastor urged members to assist him with visiting new families who move into the community, in addition to other assistance in visiting. With a membership of 500, it is not easy for one man to cover so much territory. "Visitation is the magnet that draws people to the church."

A former member of our congregation, Mrs. Robin Winkler Naughton, was named as one of America's Outstanding Young Women. She was selected by the Foundations Board of Advisors, composed of prominent American women from many fields and Robin was selected on basis of her achievements and contributions to her family, community, state and country. We shared with her family the pride they have in her.

Our congratulations also went to some of our other young people, to Karolen Church, who was elected president of student body at North High School, and was also selected to go to Governor's School at Salem College; Ann Heath Finley and Gail Walker who were selected to go to Girl's State in Greensboro as delegates; Steve Snipes was elected chaplain of the northwest District Hi-Y in June; Margi Lewis and Steve Snipes were elected to be our church's representatives to the Interdenominational Youth Council which plans summer activities for the young people of the Wilkesboros; Ivan Forehand and Billy West received the award "The Order of the Arrow" in scouting; Ted Edgerton attended World Academy School for foreign study for six weeks during the summer where he studied in seven countries; Rosalyn "Petesy" Gwyn was crowned Wilkes Central Homecoming Queen; Charles Sink, Jr. was selected to compete for Morehead Scholarship at the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, and was also chosen and signed for an athletic scholarship at UNC; and Jennifer Jones, Anita Ford, Elizabeth McElwee, Brenda Holt Johnson, Nancy Payne, Bobby Taylor, Ralph Buchan, Jr., Edward Finley, Jr., Lynn Walker Riker, Peggy Taylor, and Gene Spainhour were all on the dean's list at their respective colleges.

Mary Martha Vickery was chosen by Winston-Salem Presbytery Youth Activities Committee to attend the high school weekend on the campus of Union Theological Seminary, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, in Richmond. One hundred and fifty outstanding young high school seniors (ten from our Presbytery) studied the challenge of the church in the world today.

A carpet was installed on the second floor of the Sunday School building. We appreciated the time and labor of Frank Hartley, Robert Meade, and Robert Berry.

Our pastor was away for several weeks, due to attending the general assembly as a commissioner, and for his vacation. While he was away, we had the following ministers bring a message to us: Dr. Dan Rhodes, Professor of Bible at Davidson; Rev Clifford Caldwell, assistant minister of First Presbyterian Church, High Point; Rev. Malcolm Anderton, assistant minister Highland Presbyterian, Winston-Salem; Dr. Samuel D. Maloney, Professor of Religion at Davidson; and Dr. John T. Wayland, Professor of Christian Education at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest.

Rev. David Burr, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, was our preacher for our revival services May 4-7. Mr. Burr is a vivacious young preacher and much admired by our congregation. Different organizations of the church sponsored each night's services, and God's spirit was among the many who attended these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper left in May for a month's vacation. They joined a party of family and friends for a tour of Europe, covering England, France, Germany, Holland, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal.

In May, the Women of the Church birthday month, the women had a luncheon and Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church explained the use of the birthday money, the amount collected being \$177.83.

Mrs. L. S. Lowe died in June. She had been active in Sunday School and circle, and a

faithful loving member of our Church.

Our high school graduates were Jeff Shoemaker, Eugene Tashiro, Jimmy Winkler, Carl Yale, Mary Martha Vickery, Joyce Christenbury, Robbie Lewis, Paul Larry Payne, Jenny Lou Piper, and Helen Roberson Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. (Clara) Cashion celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 1. The Cashions have five children, fifteen grandchildren, and three great-grand-children. They have been members of this church since 1923, and are much beloved by the congregation, who sent them loving good wishes on this day.

Vacation Bible school was held this year with the stated aim of making the role of the church in the everyday world of our community meaningful to our boys and girls. We appreciated the help of Hilda Holder, Daisy Myers, Janet Meade, Mildred Brooks, Ellen Ogilvie, Jan Johnson, Kay Myers, Patsy Ford, Ann Heath Finley, Vanya Forehand, Bobbie Snipes, Betty Strickland, Jane Ogburn, Ivan Forehand, Jean York, Karolen Church, Dot Johnston, Susannah Cashion, Mary Cashion, Ann Herring, Lib Finley, Margi Lewis, Becky Hubbard, Beth Erwin, Chuck Erwin, John Hubbard, and Jackie Hall, director. The average attendance was eighty-one.

Steve Snipes was elected president of the senior high fellowship, and Jim Spainhour and Dr. and Mrs. John (Charlotte) Bennett became new advisors. The young people owe Mr. and Mrs. John R. Church and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Linda) Lankford a deep dept of gratitude for their unselfish devotion to duty for two years as senior advisors. Mrs. Blair (Florence) Gwyn continued as pioneer advisor, assisted by Lamar Creasman and with Ellen Ogilvie president.

We were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of J. H. Winkler the last of June. "Doc," as he was affectionately known, was serving his second year as deacon and was most helpful and active in all phases of church work. We will always remember him as the Lord's doorkeeper and bell ringer. We will never forget "Doc".

Lifetime Elder A. A. Cashion was called to his heavenly reward on July 22. He was a lifelong Elder of this church, who, after retiring from his regular work, gave eighteen months without pay in supervising the construction of our sanctuary. He was mayor of North Wilkesboro for eight years, and practically all his life was spent in service to his family, church and community. One of our most faithful and devoted members, he was always here when the doors were open. He loved his church!

Mrs. Jackie Hall, our director of Christian Education, has been with us a year as of July and continues as a faithful and dedicated worker with all phases of church work. We feel that God not only answered her prayers to use her in His work, but ours as well.

Around twenty of our young people and counselors spent a week at Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. after many weeks of sales, car washes, etc. to help defray expenses. Those going for this week of fun and relaxation were Tony Baker, Diane Adams, Patsy Ford, Chuck Erwin, Steve Powell, Bob Powell, Steve Snipes, Mike Gwyn, Margi Lewis, Wayne Marsh, Bill Brooks, John McElwee, Janet Meade, Ann Heath Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted (Jackie) Hall, Mrs. J. A. (Wayne) Wright, Mrs. Joe Wright, Mrs. Dick (Pat) Johnston, Miss Elizabeth McElwee, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. (Beth) Erwin.

Dr. Hyatt Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs, and a former member of this church, was included in the fourth edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America". His home church was proud of Hyatt for this high honor.

Weekday church kindergarten reopened in September with full enrollment of twenty-two children. Mrs. Kay Myers, director-teacher, and Mrs. Daisy Myers, helper, have made us proud of them as they carry on this work with our five-year-olds. Mrs. James K. (Ruth) Ford served as chairman of kindergarten committee.

We lost another fine man in September, Elder Glenn McNeill, who at his retirement, was vice-president of N. C. National Bank. He had been very active in religious life of the church.

A special Rally Day service was held in October as part of the worship service. Teachers were recognized and awards presented as well as hearing from class representatives; grades fifth and sixth, Helen Justin; pioneers, Ellen Ogilvie; seniors, Steve Snipes; Vanguard Class, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord; Woman's Class, W. C. Grier; Men's Class, Gerald Lankford; Couple's Class, Jerone Herring; and Covenant Life Curriculum Class, Gordon Finley, Jr. The secretary's report showed that we had an average attendance of 185. Adults with perfect attendance were Mrs. Wayne Myers and Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro. Pins were awarded to Sam Ogilvie, Jr., two years; Margaret and Martha Ogilvie, three years, Kate Ogilvie, seven years; Ellen Ogilvie, eight years.

Four women attended District Conference in Sparta in October, and ten attended Presbyterial at First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem in April.

We had several young men serving our country in Vietnam. Homer Brookshire, husband of Jane Taylor, and Lance Pennell, husband of Becky Piper, and Jimmy Ford, Larry Cooper, and Dick Sloop. The congregation was urged to write these boys to let them know we were thinking about them and praying for them, as letters mean so much to boys far from home.

The first Sunday in November was Laymen's Sunday. All parts of the service were led by men of the church. W. Blair Gwyn read the scripture, Lamar Creasman was soloist with an all-men's choir. The speakers were Mike Brown, Sam Ogilvie and Gordon Finley, Jr.

We think it fitting to quote our pastor as printed in the bulletin one Sunday in November. "As Pastor of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, it is my privilege to enjoy many happy relationships. None gives me more satisfaction and pleasure than the relationship with members of the church staff. This week I want to express appreciation to the following whose unselfish dedication to the work of the Lord makes the office of pastor a daily joy and happy privilege: Jackie Hall, Frances Felts, Mary Louise Clements, Dudley Waugh, Kay Myers, and Daisy Myers." This little message reminded us all that we do not say "Thank you" enough.

On November 16 it was Music Sunday with all three choirs participating. It was dedicated to all who have a part in music ministry of the church, with a special appreciation to Mary Louise Clements, our director and organist.

Dr. R. G. Taylor was appointed by Governor Scott to a six-year term on the State Board of Health.

As we prepared to elect new elders and deacons in November, we were reminded by Mr. Cooper of the duties of these officers. It might be fitting if we put in this history what the Book of Church Order says the qualifications should be. Of the elder, it says, "Those who fill the office should be blameless in life and sound in the faith, men of wisdom and discretion. By the holiness of their walk and conversation, they should be examples of Christian faith." Of the deacon: "To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, should be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgement."

Those elected as Elders were: John Robert Church, Ben F. Marsh, Perry Snipes, Joe Zimmerman, and Joe Jones, Sr. New deacons elected were: Miss Mary Louise Clements, Ralph Buchan, Sr., Ted Hall, Frank Hartley, Jerone Herring, Theodore Holder, and Fred West. Seven had to be elected because Messrs. Marsh and Snipes had to be replaced when they were elected Elders.

At a District Boy Scout Camporee our troop won two of the four blue ribbons awarded for general outlay and performance and each patrol won a blue ribbon, making our troop a 100% winner. Troop 336 was also awarded a blue ribbon for its exhibit in Old Hickory Council's Fiftieth anniversary Scout Show. To Scoutmaster Roy Forehand they gave his Eagle Award for which he had waited forty years. He completed requirements years ago, but due to unavoidable circumstances had not received it before. He is the first adult ever to receive his Eagle Award in this way. Also to Robert Gibbs who was given official recognition for forty years service in Scouting.

At our annual Thanksgiving service we received \$437.52 to go to Barium Springs Orphanage and then began the work towards Christmas activities, which were many and varied. There was a carol sing at the YMCA, Church-wide Christmas program where children brought gifts for needy children through Christmas Cheer Fund, the senoirs presented a play, pioneers dramatized scripture reading, poetic recitation by the junior department, music by children's and youth choir. Then there was a worship and communion service on Christmas Eve put on by the young people. Third and fourth grades had a class party at the home of Mrs. R. E. Lewis, where they decorated a tree for an underprivileged family. Women of the Church had a Joy Gift tea, primary department had a cookie bake, senoirs had a "Trim the tree" party. There was caroling by senoirs and college students, and senoir girl Scout Troop 127 made hospital favors for Christmas trays. The folks were truly busy at this joyous season of the year.

The last Sunday in December, a congregational meeting was called to listen regretfully to Mr. Cooper's announcement that he would retire the last of July, 1970. Mr. Cooper first came to us as pastor in 1938 after serving as assistant pastor when Mr. Robinson was pastor. He left for service and was again called in December, 1945. After the completion of our new sanctuary, Mr. Cooper left us in October 1949 to go to Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He was called back again in 1957. Since the organization of our church in 1893, we have only had three pastors, Rev. C. W. Robinson, Rev. Watt Cooper, and Rev. J. B. McLeod. We find this very distinctive.

We welcomed the following new members into the Church: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. (Nancy) Todd, Robert Powell, Steve Powell, Allen Finley, Kim Hudson, Debbie Roberson, Larry Hall, Martha Edgerton, Mrs. James (Jane) Bouchelle, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. (Mary Lena) Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar (Nina) Creasman, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Bobbie) Teague, Mr. and Mrs. George (Betty) Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell (Karen) Bushong, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Jean) Page.

Our marriages: Nancy Myers and Larry Seals, Joe Alan Wright and Rikki Lynn Thomas, Linda Arlene Wood and John Bidwell Williams, Betsy Kite and Jack O'Neil, Victoria Lee Cuthbertson and Al Spainhour, Jane Forester and James Donald Joyce, Neil G. Cashion, Jr., and Gayle Anderson, and Jennifer Jones and William Johnston.

Our babies: Tina Carol to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beaver, Heidi Michele to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie (Jan Forehand) Switzer, Arthur Hall to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Linda Hall) Lankford, Mary Shannon to Mr. and Mrs. James Spainhour, Dorothy Sue to Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry, Darren Lane to Mr. and Mrs. James Bouchelle, Laura Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bushong, Zackery Knight to Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Mary Francis Cashion) Galifianakis, Lisa Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Foster, Jody Wayne to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parsons, Alvin Richard to Mr. and Mrs. Al (Martha) Searcy.

Babies baptized: Dominica JoAnn, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Creasman; Joseph Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zimmerman; Mary Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. James Spainhour; Arthur Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford; Dorothy Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry; and Douglas Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Earle.

Our college students: Richard Blair, East Tennessee State; Jane Taylor Brookshire, Anita Ford, Jennifer Jones Johnston, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Mary Elizabeth Buchan, Russell Dancy, Bill Gwyn, Bill McElwee III, Nancy Payne, Gene Spainhour, Bobby Taylor, and Peggy Taylor, Wake Forest; Ralph Buchan, Jr., Edward Finley, Jr., Elizabeth McElwee, Arthur Tashiro, John Williams, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Susannah Cashion, St. Andrews; Joyce Christenbury, Michael Meade, Mary Martha Vickery, Appalachian State; Carolyn Gwyn, Queens; James Earl Hudson, Western Carolina; Susan Hudson, X Ray Department Wilkes General Hospital; Joe Jones, Jr., Davidson; Robert E. Lewis, Jr., Lenoir Rhyne; James Lowe, Campbell; Benson Marsh, Al Spainhour, N. C. State; Dorothy McElwee, Greensboro; Larry Payne, Joe Wright, Wilkes Community; Patricia Piper, Hamlet School of Nursing; Syd Spainhour, The Citadel; Eugene Tashiro, Cincinnati; Robert Vickery, Jimmy Winkler, East Carolina; John Wright, Hendrix College; and Carl Yale, VPI.

## 1970

We began 1970 with the first order of business to elect a pulpit committee. Mr. Cooper urged us to make this a matter of prayer, as those who are elected will assume a tremendous responsibility. We were also urged to encourage them and when their task is completed, give the new minister our wholehearted and united support. The nominations were as follows: Session, Blair Gwyn and Sam Vickery; Diaconate, Gerald Lankford and Tom Ogburn; Women of the Church, Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington and Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour; Youth Groups, Patsy Ford and Steve Snipes; congregation at large, John R. Church, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis, Miss Norma Stevenson, and Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler. Those elected were Sam Vickery, Tom Ogburn, Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, John R. Church, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, and Steve Snipes.

The session took action in January to allocate all contributions in 1970 over the budget of \$55,346.00 to benevolences. There was an urgent need for help in other areas of our church, and it was felt that our local congregation must rise to the need if our church work was to remain effective.

The annual report for 1969 showed that we began this year with 505 members. Our treasurer's report showed that we contributed to all causes in 1969 the amount of \$57,281.00.

Maria Ives Riveros Airaldi of Asuncion, Paraguay was a special guest of Girl Scout Troop 127 in January. Miss Airaldi is a Girl Guide and talked to our Scouts about scouting in Paraguay. Mrs. R. S. (Isabella) Gibbs, Mrs. Paul (Jan) Brooks, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper, Mrs. Stephen Foster, and Miss Isabella Gibbs were the leaders of this troop during the year. Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton was Wilkes Neighborhood Chairman, and Mrs. Lanny (Peggy) Wiles and Mrs. Henry (Deanna) Church became the new leaders of a newly organized Brownie Troop No. 485.

During Boy Scout week our Troop 336 won First Blue Ribbon Award and \$25.00 cash for best window display. At winter camporee held in February, they won blue ribbon, first award, and red ribbon, second award. They also had the highest percentage of attendance at the camporee. Roy W. Forehand is once again scoutmaster with Harry Galifianakis, Howard Blackburn, assistants.

Mrs. Jackie Hall, our DCE, constantly learning and applying her knowledge, attended a workshop in Christian Education at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, attended a Discovery Learning Seminar during the summer, and in the fall went to Chapel Hill to attend an annual retreat of Christian educators.

We had a family night supper in March with "Reconciliation in a Broken World" as theme. The pioneers presented a religious drama "Being There" and our special guest speaker was Rev. David Garrison, pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, and chairman of Presbytery's Witness Committee. This meeting also served as Women of the Church mission season meeting. The pioneers who were in the play were Martha Edgerton, Kathy Johnston, Rosemary Marsh, Hal Baker, and Kim Erwin. Others helping were Billy West, Richard Tashiro, Ellen Ogilvie, Angela Ogilvie, Susan Powell, and Larry Bennett.

Wilkesboro's Minister's Association annually sponsors Holy Week Services. This year we were host to the vesper service on Good Friday, as well as having communion service for our members on Thursday evening as per every year. Many of our young people performed in the Easter Sunrise Service at Mount Lawn Memorial Park where the outdoor drama depicting trial, persecution, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

We were extremely saddened and shocked by the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, who met an untimely death by fire in March. They had served the church in many ways and their work was well known and appreciated. We shall miss them in our work here and in our hearts.

Thirteen of our senior highs went to a retreat at Susan Barbour Jones in April for two days. Mose Henry from Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond was the program leader. They spent many hours in creative exercises. Such experiences as these bring our young people closer to each other and to grow as Christians.

We are always proud of our young people and the many honors they achieve; Edward Finley, Jr. was tapped for Phi Beta Kappa at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Joe Jones, Jr. was also tapped for this honor at Davidson; Ted Edgerton was elected president of Senior High Fellowship, one of the nominees for Morehead Scholarship, and made All-State Band honors; Wayne Marsh was elected president of senior class at Wilkes Central; Ro Yale was elected president of the sophomore class; Jamye York was chosen Homecoming Queen at Wilkes Central and was also named "Miss Junior Miss" from Wilkes Central; Ivan Forehand and Howard Blackburn, Jr. achieved the Eagle Scout award; Brenda Holt Johnson, Jimmy Winkler, Al Spainhour, Gene Spainhour, Nancy Payne, Edward Finley, Peggy Taylor, and Dottie Walker Moynihan were on the dean's list at their respective colleges.

Eight of our women attended Presbyterial at Reynolda Presbyterian Church in April. In May at the annual birthday meeting of Women of the Church, Mrs. Ted Hall gave the program on "Villa International" where the birthday money is going this year.

Our Church started a new summer recreation program for children in our community. It was held daily from nine to twelve except for Thursdays. Miss Nancy Payne, student at Wake Forest, served as director. There were more than sixty children involved. Nancy reported that they had creative fun, and success could be measured in the fact that this program began with the church and ended with the community. Special thanks went to Miss Payne, Mrs. Roy (Vanya) Forehand, Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro, Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, Alan and Don Payne, Debbie Brooks, Mrs. Jackie Hall, and Mrs. Frances Felts.

Our high school graduates were Craig Bennett, Larry Christenbury, Robin Cox, Ann Heath Finley, Petesy Gwyn, Robert Hardin, Gene Myers, Charles Sink, Jr., Steve Snipes, Gail Walker, and Karolen Church.

We had over eighty children and workers present at the annual Bible school. We always feel we should mention those who help with this undertaking, and they were Mrs. William Meade, Kim Erwin, Lynn Blackburn, Kathy Johnston, Mrs. Jan Johnson, Mrs. Lowell (Karen) Bushong, Janet Meade, Martha Edgerton, Mrs. Jeannie Ogilvie, Mrs. Frank (Carol) Hartley, Ellen Ogilvie, Mrs. Doris Berry, Mrs. Jean Page, Karolen Church, Mrs. Dot Johnston, Mrs. Jerome (Anne) Herring, Mrs. Ellie Spainhour, Debbie Christenbury, Angela Ogilvie, Susan Powell, Ted Edgerton, Mrs. Jane Ogburn, Mrs. Fred (Jean) West, Margi Lewis, Mrs. Becky Hubbard, Mrs. Beth Erwin, Chuck Erwin, Ivan Forehand, Richard Tashiro, and Mrs. Jackie Hall, director.

A report from our Girl Scout troop showed that for the past twelve months they have given 640 hours on bloodmobile staff, 450 hours as hospital aides, 150 hours helping in disaster drill, and 100 hours in charge of first aid at Girl Scouts camp. They also gave programs, planned suppers, and supported a war refugee orphan by sending \$12.00 each month. Five of this troop are taking advanced first aid.

Our Boy Scout troop won top honors at Raven Knob Scout Camp with top average of 98% out of possible 100%. They won the coveted "coup stick", obtained twenty-one merit badges, and many other honors. Ivan Forehand, acting senior patrol leader, was selected Honor Camper of the Week. The following boys attended from our church: Ivan Forehand, Billy West, Richard Tashiro, David Brooks, and adults Roy Forehand, Joe West and Paul Brooks. Joe West was tapped into Order of the Arrow.

The Rev. Watt M. Cooper preached his last sermon to the North Wilkesboro congregation on July 26 with retirement effective August 31. His last sermon was entitled, "Love, The More Excellent Way." It was with much sadness that we said goodbye to our beloved pastor for so many years—one who was helpful, devoted, kind, patient, gentle, cooperative, understanding, loyal, faithful, quick to praise, slow to criticize, and quick witted. He had married us, baptized our children, buried our loved ones with his beautiful prayers that you never forgot. He was always there when you were sick or in trouble. To his lovely, gracious wife, Mary, we also had to say goodbye. Quiet, artistic, always ready to help, all the same adjectives could apply, and we shall miss her greatly. Their son, Larry, grew up in our midst, and is now serving in the armed forces overseas. Even with our sadness

at their leaving, we wished for them much joy and happiness in their new home at Graham. A reception was given the Coopers before they left, with Mrs. Guy (Mable) Duncan and Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour acting as chairmen. "The Heights that Great Men Reached, and Kept, were not attained by Sudden Flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the Night."

The congregation did not slow up with the departure of the Coopers, and our pulpit committee had been busy at work. By action of the congregation, Sunday, August 23, Rev. James P. Barksdale was called as minister of this church. Mr. Barksdale accepted this call and came to us on September 27, 1970. Mr. Barksdale received his B. D. degree from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond and was ordained August 7, 1962 in Concord Presbytery. He has served at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Charlotte; and Third Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. He came to us highly recommended. Mr. Barksdale has a wife, Martha, and two children, James III and Elizabeth Springer.

Our deep appreciation went to members of the pulpit committee for their labor of love in securing a new pastor for us. They carried a heavy weight of responsibility and spent many hours in traveling, in reading, in searching their hearts, and in prayer. We need to thank again Dot Lewis, Mozelle Spainhour, Sam Vickery, John Church, Tom Ogburn and Steve Snipes for a job well done.

We also appreciated the work of the building and grounds committee who renovated the pastor's study and the manse, Robert Berry, Robert Meade, Mozelle Spainhour, Hazel Spainhour, Paul Cashion, Ted Hall, Gordon Finley, Jr.; and those others who spent many long hours on this project, Sam Vickery, Frank Hartley, Lowell Bushong, and Dudley Waugh.

New officers of the Women of the Church were installed in October as follows: President, Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington; First Vice President, Miss Norma Stevenson; Secretary, Mrs. Jim (Ellie) Spainhour; Treasurer, Mrs. Perry (Bobbie) Snipes; Historian, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord; Pastor's Aide, Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout; Chairman of Personal Faith and Family Life, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis; Chairman of Christian Community Action, Mrs. W. E. (Elizabeth) Gaither; Chairman of Ecumenical Missions and Relations, Mrs. J. H. Winkler; Chairman of Leadership and Resources, Mrs. Charles F. (Kay) Myers; Social Chairman, Miss Norma Stevenson; Nursery Chairman, Mrs. Robert Berry; and Flower Chairman, Mrs. H. C. (Sue) Landon, Jr.

We appreciated the hard work and excellent job that Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver, outgoing president, did and all the other officers who have served so faithfully.

On Rally Day in October, Allen Finley, Kate Ogilvie, and Jenni Reinhardt were awarded a New Testament engraved, for having recited perfectly the catechism for young children, also one dollar from the Belk Foundation. Average attendance at Sunday school was 266. Perfect attendance recipients for the year were Arthur Finley, Sam Ogilvie, Theodore Holder, Robby Berry, Allen Finley, one year; Sam Ogilvie, Jr., three years; Martha and Margaret Ogilvie, four years; Kate Ogilvie, eight years; and Ellen Ogilvie, nine years. Mrs. Aiji Tashiro had perfect attendance at Wilkesboro Chapel. Mr. Perry Snipes is Sunday school superintendent.

A new Sunday school class was organized for young adults with Jim Barksdale leading their discussions. We have long felt the need of a class to meet the needs of young adults who are grappling with conflicting demands.

The installation service for the Reverend James F. Barksdale was held on Sunday, October 18. The Reverend David Burr, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, preached the installation sermon. Assisting him were the following: Rev. Eugene Kirkman, Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem; Rev. William Brown, Elkin Presbyterian Church, Elkin; Rev. Guerney Whiteley, Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery; A. Gordon Finley, Jr., Elder, North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church; and Sam Vickery, also from our church. A reception followed the service.

Through the ministerial association, a "Coffee House" was started at Wilkes Community College this fall. This was started in hope of bridging the communication gap between college students and Christians in this community. Many from our church helped, and our DCE, Mrs. Jackie Hall, was head of the planning committee.

Our young people were continually on the move, having spent a week at Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. during the summer, they went to church in the city, Charlotte, for morning worship in November. Also in November, they invited the Elkin Senior Highs over to lead a folk worship service. Mr. and Mrs. Blair Gwyn accompanied the pioneers to Camp Susan Barbour Jones the first weekend in December. Mrs. Wendell Edgerton and Lamar Creasman were the pioneers advisors.

Robert C. Berry was elected chairman of the diaconate, and Mrs. Jackie Hall was elected secretary of Wilkesboros Minister's Association for 1971.

On Sunday, December 20 there was a children's hour at 5:30, followed at 6:00 by our churchwide Christmas program with two plays, "The Little Angel Who Was Always Late" by 5th and 6th graders, and "What Price X-mas" by pioneers. The Joy Gift mite boxes were received and the children's and youth choirs provided special music. Also on December 20. the Barksdales invited the congregation to an "open house" at the manse. Mrs. John R. Church, Miss Norma Stevenson and the women of the Church assisted Mrs. Barksdale with refreshments.

The seniors assisted Mr. Barksdale at the Christmas Eve communion service. The congregation for the first time took communion from the table, going by pews to take the bread and the cup.

On Sunday, December 27, we had an experimental service prepared by some of the young people and friends. Some of traditional forms of worship were replaced by newer ones, but the Spirit of the Lord was with us, nevertheless.

We continue to be proud of our young men in the armed forces who are Larry Cooper, Richard Sloop, Jim Ford, Lance Pennell, and Ralph Buchan, Jr.

We welcomed Mrs. James P. Barksdale, Mr. and Mrs. William A. (Patsy) Long, Mrs. Neil (Gayle) Cashion, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Betty) Thompson and daughter Phyllis into membership, and we lost four members by death: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, and in less than three months, their daughter, Susan, in a traffic accident, and Mrs. William (Elaine) Meade, young wife and mother, who passed away suddenly.

We had a few who joined hands and hearts in marriage: Brenda Holt Johnson to Thomas V. Myers, Carolyn Gwyn to Samuel Robert Bell, Bonnie Montgomery to Ralph Williams, Syd Spainhour to Virginia Raymer, Frances Cashion to Larry Hall, Suzanne Trivette Hudson to Rodney Kerley, Mary Elizabeth Buchan to David Lynn Hall, Patricia Sue Zimmerman to Michael Richard Little, and Elizabeth McElwee to Eugene Bedford Cannon.

Babies born to members and former members were: Ann Kendal & Carol Kyles, twin daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.; Todd Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Steele; Lucretia Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Pennell; Jennifer Hope, Mr. and Mrs. James (Jane Forester) Joyce; Robert Francis, Mr. and Mrs. David (Susan Kite) Eller; Autumn Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Church; Andrew Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Blair; Richard Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, Jr.; and Amber Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Nancy Myers) Seals.

Baptisms: Ann Kendal and Carol Kyles, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.; Tina Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beaver; Sharon Diana, Michael Paul, Darren Lane, Mr. and Mrs. James Bouchelle; and Jennifer Hope, Mr. and Mrs. James Joyce.

We were so proud that for a church our size, we had an unbelievable number of college students. Even these may not be exactly accurate as parents failed to give the church office their college students every year. This list was to the best of our knowledge: Al Spainhour, Benson Marsh, N. C. State University; Gene Spainhour, Peggy Taylor, Bobby Taylor, Karolen Church, Bill Gwyn, Nancy Payne, Wake Forest University; Jimmy Winkler, Dottie Walker

Moynihan, Bobby Vickery, East Carolina; Edward Finley, Jr., John Williams, Craig Bennett, Charles Sink, Gail Walker, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Anita Ford, Jennifer Jones Johnston, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Susannah Cashion, St. Andrews; Joe Jones, Jr., Davidson; Robbie Lewis, Lenoir Rhyne; Dottie McElwee, Greensboro; Ann Heath Finley, Agnes Scott; Rosalyn (Petesy) Gwyn, Mary Baldwin; Carl Yale, VPI; Syd Spainhour, The Citadel; Mike Meade, Joyce Christenbury, Mary Martha Vickery, Larry Christenbury, Steve Snipes, Appalachian State; and Larry Payne, Jeff Shoemaker, Jim Ford, Jr., Robin Cox, Wilkes Community and Eugene Tashiro.

1971

We began 1971 in great spirits and anticipation with a new pastor with new ideas and much important work to be done. "Behold the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare." Jim Barksdale is visiting and learning more about his congregation, and they, in turn, cooperated and helped him in many ways. Support and encouragement are heartily needed in a new pastorate, and our congregation was not lacking in this respect.

The Covenant Life Curriculum Class and Senior High Class in Sunday School completed a three month's study of hunger. This was an experimental grouping of adults and youth not only to study the subject of hunger, but also to try to close the "generation gap." Mrs. Joe (Jane) West was the teacher.

Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, chairman of Ecumenical Missions, arranged for Dr. Dorothea Zeist, who is on leave from a Presbyterian Hospital in Korea, while she is studying at Bowman Gray Hospital, to speak to the Women of the Church in January, on the use of our White Cross gifts. It was noted that an offering of \$506.45 was given to the Joy Gift offering in December for our retired servants of God.

Girl Scout Troop 127 collected Betty Crocker coupons to send to the family of a young boy in California who needed a kidney machine to save his life. Members of the congregation were urged to assist them in this undertaking.

Mike Brown, chairman, and his stewardship and finance committee were commended for their able leadership when the session adopted a budget for 1971 of an increase of 7.3% over last year. The congregation was also commended for its generosity.

Sam Vickery was elected Moderator-Nominee of Winston-Salem Presbytery and served at May meeting of Presbytery. Dr. W. R. Richardson of Wilkes Community College was elected chairman of the newly organized Association of Deans of Instruction of N. C. Community College System.

Our "over thirty" men formed a basketball team and joined with other churches in a league for several weeks. They proved that old men over thirty could still get around on a basketball court and advanced to the finals.

On February 8 the Assembly's committee on Certification, certified Mrs. Jackie Hall as an Associate in Christian Education for the Presbyterian Church. The purpose was to improve level of professional leadership in service of our church. We appreciated Jackie's wanting this certification, but we also felt we have had excellent leadership.

Jim Barksdale attended a ten week course at Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University each Thursday. Scholarship was offered by Church and Industry Institute.

The Senior Highs led a contemporary worship service at the First Methodist Church one Sunday evening in February.

We lost a faithful member of our church in late March, Mrs. Irene Meade. Mrs. Meade was one of those quiet ones who was always there, and her Christian influence is felt daily by her children and their families. Mrs. A. Gordon (Annie May) Finley, Sr. died in April. She was active in all phases of church work, in the choir approximately fifty years, and extremely active in circle and Women of the Church, having held many offices in these organizations. Annie May's death left a void that cannot be filled. A picture with plaque was

placed in the lounge in her memory by the chancel choir.

Our regular services were held at Easter, with our church celebrating on Maundy Thursday the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was along the same line as the Christmas Eve Service. This is the day the Lord broke bread with his disciples and the session felt this was most appropriate. At the Easter sunrise service, which is an annual event, Wayne Marsh portrayed Christ in the pageant. Many others of our young people were in the chorus.

Presbyterian met on April 2 at Thomasville and attending were Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington, Mrs. Ted (Jackie) Hall, Mrs. W. E. (Elizabeth) Gaither, Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, and Mrs. W. C. (Janie) Thompson. Our people responded generously to call for used clothing, etc. to Willa Barn, run by Glade Valley for purpose of extra income.

On Sunday, April 18, we had a Poor People's dinner following the worship service. This was an attempt on part of the church to identify with the hungry of world. We were asked not to eat breakfast and to pay for our dinner in the amount of welfare allotment to one person for one meal per day.

We saw an improvement in the ladies parlor and church lounge when Clay Bauguss, Mike Brown, Rayburn Byrd, W. E. Gaither, Harry Galifianakis, Ted Hall, Robert Meade, Bob Powell, Charles Summers, and Bob Thompson gave willingly of their time, talent, and energy to painting them. The Women of the Church paid for the paint and put up new draperies.

The 1971 Birthday Offering objective for Women of the Church was to provide Christian Family Service Centers in the Congo, Korea and Taiwan. The amount received was \$388.84.

Some of the honors received by our young people were Bunny Walker received superior in piano and voice at the annual Music Festival. Miss Ellen Robinson is Bunny's teacher. Landon Alfriend and Ellen Ogilvie earned Girl's Scout's First Class Award, the highest honor given in Cadet Scouting. Wayne Marsh was captain of Wilkes Central basketball team, and was also named most valuable player at the end of the season. Anita Ford received top honors at the University of N. C. at Greensboro by making all A's first semester. Mike Gwyn was elected president of the Senior High Fellowship, and he and Parks Reece were chosen by American Legion to attend Boy's State at Wake Forest. Robby Berry received the God and Country Award at the First Baptist Church. Debbie Brooks received God and Citizenship Award in Girl Scouting. Karolen Church, sophomore, was one of forty-six students enrolled in Interdisciplinary Honors Program at Wake Forest. Fran Griffith was chosen homecoming queen at Wilkes Central. For the last three years, a Presbyterian has received this honor. Jamye York was chosen "Miss Wolfpack" at N. C. State. Jennifer Jones Johnston made Phi Beta Kappa at the University of N. C. at Greensboro, and Jane Taylor Brookshire received her master's degree. Mary Buchan Hall, Nancy Payne, Gene Spainhour, Bobby Taylor, Karolen Church, Dottie Walker Moynihan, James T. Hudson, Edward Finley, Jr., Jimmy Winkler, Joyce Christenbury, and Steve Snipes all made the dean's list at their colleges.

Mrs. A. A. (Clara) Cashion gave to the Women of the Church a beautiful hand crocheted table cloth. It adorned the tea table at the birthday party of the Women of the Church and was much appreciated by the women.

Our high school graduates included Debbie Brooks, Bill Brooks, Ted Edgerton, Claude Faw, Patsy Ford, Mary Griffith, Margi Lewis, Wayne Marsh, and Jamye York.

Mrs. Frances Felts, church secretary for fifteen years, resigned for personal and family reasons. She was a friend to all and served constantly beyond the call of duty. She was never able to say "no" and worked tirelessly and efficiently in behalf of our people. A reception was held honoring Frances, and a gift of china given to her in grateful appreciation. Mrs. Mae Shatley replaced her and we know we will find her to be an excellent replacement.

While Mr. Barksdale was away on vacation two weeks in May, Rev. James O. Chatham of Winston-Salem and Rev. Will Terry were our preachers. Sam Vickery presided as Moderator of Winston-Salem Presbytery in June. Lewis Nelson and Mr. Barksdale also attended.

Our church employed Miss Marcella Morgan to lead a program of planned recreation every morning from 8:30 to 12:00 at Wilkesboro Chapel. This was similar to last year's program with arts and crafts, drama, story telling and recreation. Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro, Mrs. W. V. (Phyllis) Piper, Mrs. R. S. (Isabella) Gibbs, and Troop 127 assisted at various times.

There were eighty-two students and teachers at Vacation Bible School. Those helping this year included: Daisy Myers, Janet Meade, Betty Reinhardt, Ann Herring, Chris Parker, Jodi Reinhardt, Jeannie Ogilvie, Kate Ogilvie, Jean Page, Dot Johnston, Linda Lankford, Carol Hartley, Betty Thompson, Jane Ogburn, Doris Berry, Betty Strickland, Catherine Darlington, Cindy Strickland, Marcella Morgan, Petesy Gwyn, Richard Tashiro, Mike Gwyn, Florence Gwyn, Bobbie Snipes, Mary Louise Clements, Elaine McCord, Carolina Finley, Isabella Gibbs, Jackie Hall, and Norma Stevenson.

The Rev. G. P. Whiteley and Rev. Watt Cooper preached for us the other two weeks this summer while our pastor was away. Our DCE attended one week's training session for Christian Educators at Louisville, Kentucky, this summer. Mrs. W. A. (Vanya) Brame, Jr. and Mrs. Brenda Hall Elledge, a former member, were selected in 1974 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America," chosen because of exceptional contributions to betterment of thier communities. Mrs. Robert (Mary) Taylor, was named as "Outstanding Educator of America," a civic and professional achievement. Mrs. Taylor teaches at Wilkes Community College. Mrs. Edward (Faye) Runnion was selected by her fellow teachers in Wilkes County School System as "Teacher of the Year."

Boy Scout Troop No. 336 made another good showing in July at Raven Knob. They attained an all time high average of 99.6, which was a record. Forty merit badges were given, and eleven boys completed one mile swim test, and two were tapped into Order of the Arrow.

Special attention was paid on August 29 to our Sunday School and the many people who make it work. Thirty-five women and men were recognized as realizing the importance of the teaching task before our church. Rally Day and Promotion Day has been designated as first Sunday after opening of schools. Average attendance including Wilkesboro Chapel was 189. Perfect attendance records: Joe West, one year; Sam Ogilvie, Arthur Finley, Theodore Holder, two years; Mrs. Aiji Tashiro, three years; Sam Ogilvie, Jr., four years; Martha and Margaret Ogilvie, five years; Kate Ogilvie, nine years; and Ellen Ogilvie, ten years. Gerald Lankford is superintendent. Paige Hall, Kay Christenbury, and Caroline Hubbard recited catechism; and each received a New Testament and a dollar from Belk Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Lanny (Peggy) Wiles and Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Patsy) Long were named advisors to the senior highs, with Mike Gwyn, president. The pioneers have Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton and Bob Thompson as leaders, with Allen Finley as president. Mrs. Jim (Ellie) Spainhour is now chairman of Weekday Church Kindergarten Committee.

The outgoing Junior Church Committee, Mrs. John (Rebecca) Hubbard, Mrs. Charles (Kay ) Myers, and Mrs. Jerome (Anne) Herring served faithfully for several years. New members of this committee are Mrs. Al (Martha) Searcy, Mrs. T. R. (Jan) Johnson, and Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr. This program was set up so that children could worship with their families for part of the hour and then attend a program geared for them and led by volunteers.

In October our district meeting was held in Elkin with Mrs. Joe Darlington, Mrs. W. E. Gaither, and Mrs. William C. Thompson attending. Those serving as new officers of the Women of the Church are: First Vice President, Mrs. John Hubbard; Second Vice President, Mrs. Dewey York; Chairman Ecumenical Missions, Mrs. Sam Ogilvie; Circle Chairmen: Mrs. J. R. (Nancy) Church, Mrs. E. S. (Lib) Finley, Mrs. H. M. (Martha) Parker, Jr., Mrs. Wendell Edgerton, Mrs. Bob Thompson, Mrs. Clay (Mae) Bauguss, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler, Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Mrs. Robert (Cecil) Meade.

We welcomed members of the Beulah Presbyterian Church and choir to our communion service on October 3. Our own sexton, Dudley Waugh, was soloist.

There was a choir appreciation supper in October for all members of adult choir and their husbands or wives. Stewardship and strengthening the church committees jointly sponsored a covered dish supper in November. After the program the people were invited to tour the church school rooms, to meet the teachers, and see some of the work the children are doing.

Mrs. Charles (Kay) Myers headed a clothing closet at our church which was started to aid needy families who call at the church from time to time seeking help.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee, Mrs. Charles Myers, Tom Ogburn, Elmer Kendrick, and Mike Gwyn presented to the congregation a list of names for elder, and the following were elected: Leonard Brooks, Paul Cashion, Mrs. John R. Church, Mrs. Joe Darlington, C. C. Faw, Jr., and Robert Meade.

Following this same procedure the following deacons were elected: Bill Beaver, Lowell Bushong, Lamar Creasman, Mrs. E. S. Finley, Bob Powell, Bob Thompson, and Charles Reece.

Boy Scout Troop 336 at Wilkes District Annual Banquet was given National Camping Award, Attendance Award, and Membership Roundup Award.

Claude Hall retired after twelve years as treasurer of the church. Claude had kept the books in a neat and orderly manner and was truly a dedicated servant. Frank Hartley took over his job as treasurer. Michael Brown was elected chairman of the diaconate and Mrs. John R. Church was elected Clerk of Session for three years.

The pioneers led advent service during December and the children and youth choirs had special music. Joy Gift Candlelight Service and Tea was held on the afternoon of December 12. On December 19 there was children's storytime and the Christmas program. The play, "Angels, Please Come to Order," was given by the pioneers. The chancel choir presented "The Song of Christmas" at the morning worship services during Christmas, and the Christmas communion service, with seniors assisting, was again held.

With deep appreciation and much love from a devoted congregation, a lovely new Plymouth was given to our pastor and his family. Jim, in a letter to "his" people noted that they were overwhelmed and to quote, "Thank you for kindness and love, and courtesies shown, and for being 'who you are', and for letting me be your servant."

We received into membership of the church the following: Julie Berry, Cynthia Page, Jenni Reinhardt, Mary "Bunny" Walker, Caroline Hubbard, Rebecca West, Ellie York, Tommie Smink, Penny Sue Cashion, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Parker, Jr., Chris and Paige Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Gene) McGuirt, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas (Betty) Winslow, and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. (Vivian) Caldwell.

Our marriages: James Trivette Hudson to Rebecca Fluke, Nancy Payne to Stuart Foster, Susannah Cashion to Jeffry Erickson, and Mrs. Mable Lowe Duncan to I. E. Helms.

Our babies: Catherine Renee to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cashion, Jr.; John Marler to Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barksdale; Caitlin Amanda to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Steele; William H. IV to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElwee, III; and Thomas Jeffrey to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brookshire.

Baptisms: Autumn Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Church; Catherine Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cashion, Jr., and John Marler, Rev. and Mrs. James P. Barksdale.

Our college students: Gene Spainhour, Nancy Payne, Bill Gwyn, Karolen Church, Bobby Taylor, Margi Lewis, Wake Forest; Edward Finley, Jr., Craig Bennett, Ann Heath Finley, Charles Sink, Gail Walker, Claude Faw, Wayne Marsh, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Jimmy Winkler, Benson Marsh, Jamye York, N. C. State; Anita Ford, Jennifer Jones Johnston, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Bobby Vickery, East Carolina; Robby Lewis, Bill Brooks, Lenoir Rhyne; Joyce Christenbury, Larry Christenbury, Steve Snipes, Patsy Ford, Mary Martha Vickery, Appalachian State; Dottie McElwee, Paige Parker, Greensboro; Ted Edgerton, Guilford; Mary Griffith, Stratford; Petesy Gwyn, Mary Baldwin; Carl Yale, VPI; Larry Payne, Jeff Shoemaker, Robin Cox, Wilkes Community; Eugene Tashiro and Debbie Brooks, Mitchell College.

1972

We began 1972 with this New Year's thought from our DCE, Mrs. Hall, "Let us not cop out by talking about what we don't have or what we can't do. A faithful Christian is a positive person." And from our pastor, Jim Barksdale, "The pastor and the congregation spent last year getting to know one another. This year we plan to put things together." We all benefit from the many facets of work going on each year in the Presbyterian Church, and, therefore, have a warmer, closer relationship with each other and God.

In an attempt to make the work of the church more effective, the session and board of deacons adopted seventeen goals for 1972. Chairmen were appointed and suitable persons chosen to work toward accomplishment of these goals. The session and diaconate sincerely believed that if each person would carry his part of the load, we would be a much stronger congregation, faithful to our Lord, and committed to being His church. The pastor was always ready to assist these groups in achieving their goals. The goals and their chairman:

1. To plan and implement a church wide program of Christian Education-John R. Church
2. To bring youth to church membership-Doris Berry
3. A creative ministry to the 18-40 year old group-Martha Parker
4. To develop the grace of liberality among members of the church-Sam McGuirt
5. To maintain church property-Max Garrett
6. To serve those in need-Clay Bauguss
7. To bring new members into the church-Perry Snipes
8. To develop a ministry of chaplaincy-Doug McElwee
9. Meaningful worship-Staton McIver
10. To plan and implement a creative program promoting church fellowship-Ted Hall
11. To plan and implement a strong weekday kindergarten-Deanna Church
12. A creative studies program-Doug Winslow
13. Publicity-Jane Ogburn
14. To review and recommend goals, plans, personnel related to work of the church to the session-James Barksdale
15. To usher and welcome-Gerald Lankford
16. To promote the special emphasis of the Presbyterian Church-Blair Gwyn
17. To provide Christian growth for kindergarten through third grade during the worship hour-Martha Searcy

Presbytery I, later Covenant Presbytery, the result of merger between Winston-Salem, Concord and Kings Mountain Presbyteries, met early in January at Barium Springs. E. S. Finley was principal commissioner from our church and Mr. Barksdale also attended.

Our pastor conducted morning devotionals several times during the year over local radio station WKBC. Our morning worship service was also broadcast some during the year. This is a service that has been rendered for many years, with ministers and churches of the Wilkesboros taking turns

Four Union Seminary students were at our church in January for two days. They joined our young people for a "get-acquainted" supper. Then on Sunday morning they taught the pioneers and seniors, conducted morning worship, and met again with the young people for lunch and "talk it over" session.

We still supported the Northside Kindergarten and one third of the cost comes from our church with individual gifts from other Presbyterians. Without our help, this underprivileged kindergarten could not operate.

We began 1972 with 508 members. We contributed to all causes in 1971, \$67,244.00, according to our treasurer's report. \$24,600 of this went to benevolences, a sign of a growing church always on the move.

T. A. Finley, a life member of our session, died on January 17 after a long illness. Mr.

Finley was for many years active in all phases of church work, and until confined to his home, was a devoted and faithful member.

Mr. Barksdale attended the Interpreters House, which is a meeting place for ecumenical dialogue and work in behalf of a people, their churches and institutions of change, their clergy, their laity, educators, members of all faiths and races. He was there February 7-25, returning on weekends to preach.

Mrs. J. L. (Clyde) Clements was honored by Beta Sigma Phi as "Woman of the Year" with a tea in our church lounge in February. Mrs. Clements has always been active in church work and in the community, and started off many of the leading citizens of the Wilkes-boros on the right path by teaching the first and only kindergarten here for many years.

The Women of the Church sponsored a family night supper in February and had as their guest speaker, Mrs. James Witherspoon, who had a first hand knowledge of our mission work in the Congo. Our Senior Girl Scout Troop 127 had a spaghetti supper in March, with proceeds going to support of Ah-Wai in Taiwan and community services.

Our usual Easter Services were held with communion service on Maundy Thursday evening and appropriately on Easter Sunday morning. Our congregation was also urged to attend other services, and especially the sunrise service at Mount Lawn Memorial Park, where our own Mike Gwyn portrayed Christ in the pageant and where many other of our young people participated.

We appreciated the help of Robert Meade, Rayburn Byrd, Jim Bouchelle, Seth Mason, Harry Galifianakis, Max Garrett, Mike Brown, John R. Church, Sam Vickery, and Theodore Holder in painting the halls in the educational building. Our men have saved us much money over the years by their volunteer services.

Martha Edgerton and Rosemary Marsh were awarded the rank of First Class in Girl Scouts. This award is equal to Eagle rank in Boy Scouts and entails a great deal of time and effort. Shawn Cox won first place in Wilkes Soil and Conservation district essay contest for the sixth graders in Wilkes County. Perry Snipes was elected best defensive player on the 1972 Northwestern Conference Champion Wilkes Central High School basketball team. He also made All Northwestern baseball team. Landon Alfriend attended Governor's School for outstanding students, studying in the field of science. Patsy Ford, Mary Martha Vickery, Steve Snipes, Jimmy Winkler, Claude Faw, Bill Brooks, Karolen Church, Gene Spainhour, Jim Ford, Dick Sloop, Benson Marsh, Margi Lewis, and Perry Snipes all made the dean's list at their respective colleges.

Among our grownups went the following honors: Miss Elizabeth Finley was elected regent of the Rendezvous Mountain Chapter of DAR. Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn wrote a play, "Some Honest Regulating," on Wilkes County history, which was produced by Wilkes Community College. Frank Hartley was named "Optimist of the Year" for the second time. Miss Mary Louise Clements was made an honorary member of the Lion's Club in recognition of her seventeen years as club pianist and her service to the community. Elmer Kendrick was elected First Vice President of the Wilkes Chamber Foundation, Inc. W. H. McElwee and John R. Church are trustees of the Chamber Foundation.

Mrs. Jackie Hall attended a youth ministry workshop at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh in April. In May she attended recreation workshop at Montreat. In June she attended N. C. Christian Education Conference and in July she attended Advanced Teaching Skills Institute in Louisville, Kentucky. By attending these meetings, Mrs. Hall showed that she was keeping up with all new ideas and skills and bringing them back to the people.

Many new books were added to the library during the year. Mrs. Frank (Carol) Hartley served as librarian for the year.

In May, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis and Mrs. E. S. (Lib) Finley presented an interesting skit on "The Neglected Americans." This being birthday month, we were made aware of needs of our minority groups on this 50th anniversary of Women of the Church birthday offering.

Our kindergarten, with its excellent reputation, ended in May for summer vacation after a very good year under the direction of Mrs. Charles (Kay ) Myers, assisted by Mrs. Wayne (Daisy) Myers. The enrollment for fall term had been filled since the first of the year.

Our graduates from high school were: Tony Baker, Cathy Bauguss, Teresa Bennett, Carla Cox, Chuck Erwin, Vicki Garrett, Fran Griffith, Mike Gwyn, John McElwee, Mari Montgomery, Bob Powell, Parks Reece, Donnie Roberson and Perry Snipes.

Senior High Fellowship boys and girls, accompanied by our pastor and DCE, spent a week at Holden Beach, S. C. The seniors earn the money to go to the beach every summer with numerous projects. They appreciated the use of the cottage of the John Walkers, and the help of Karolen Church, Mary Martha Vickery, and Mrs. Peggy Wiles, who assisted Jim Barksdale and Jackie Hall in chaperoning.

As always we must call on our members at Vacation Bible School time to teach, to serve refreshments, to play, to lead devotional, and to lead the music, and the following responded: Daisy Myers, Kay Myers, Jean Page, Paige Hall, Martha Searcy, Martha Barksdale, Gene McGuirt, Deanna Church, Karolen Church, Kim Hudson, Dot Johnston, Nancy Church, Doris Berry, Jeannie Ogilvie, Becky Hubbard, Gladys Hudson, Carol Hartley, Sue Summers, Jan Johnson, Elaine McCord, Isabella Gibbs, Richard Tashiro, Robby Berry, Ellen Ogilvie, Steve McCord, Allen Finley, and Mary Louise Clements.

We had the following visiting ministers while Mr. Barksdale was on vacation: Rev. Watt Cooper, Rev. Will Terry, Rev. Albert McClure, and Rev. G. P. Whiteley.

Our church reserved the entire camp of Susan Barbour Jones for a weekend retreat for our families on August 5 and 6. This was a new experience, with special activities planned and outdoor worship on Sunday morning conducted by our pastor. Those who attended felt this should be an annual event for families to play and worship together in this beautiful mountain setting.

Goal No. 1 (Christian Education) with John R. Church, chairman, voted to change the policy of teacher rotation in Sunday School to a two year term with one year of rest at least before called upon again. All departments from nursery through seniors are to participate.

The importance of worship has never been underestimated by the Presbyterian Church. We constantly sought new forms and expressions of worship. Jim Barksdale's informal "Good Morning" from the pulpit with the congregation's spontaneous response seemed to be a welcome and unique change. There are other variations from time to time, such as the Creed, and the end of the service. Traditional or new, we are in the Lord's House and His spirit is with us.

Boy Scout Troop No. 336 had an outstanding showing again at Raven Knob. Our four patrols of thirty-five members placed first, second, third and fourth in award standings. Scoutmaster Roy Forehand at a Court of Honor in September presented Kenneth McNeil and William E. West II the Eagle Scout Award and Ivan Forehand the Bronze Palm Award.

Our grateful appreciation went to the following church school officers and teachers who rotated out on Rally Day: Superintendent Gerald Lankford, Mrs. Frank Hartley, Mrs. Robert (Cecil) Meade, Mrs. Gerald (Linda) Lankford, Mrs. Michael (Joan) Brown, Mrs. George (Betty) Powell, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert (Nancy) Todd, Robert Berry, Edward S. Finley, Karolen Church, Bill Beaver, and Ted Hall. Mrs. Wendell Edgerton and Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Wiles rotated out as youth fellowship advisors. Gordon Ogilvie went in as Sunday School superintendent; Janet Meade was elected president of Senior High Fellowship. On Rally Day the following had perfect attendance: Mrs. Wayne (Daisy) Myers, Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, Blair Gwyn, Joe West for two years; Sam Ogilvie, Sr. and Arthur Finley, three years; and Mrs. Aiji (Florence) Tashiro, four years at Wilkesboro Chapel. Children who received pins were Gordon and Angela Ogilvie, one year; Samuel Ogilvie, Jr., five years; Margaret and Martha Ogilvie, six years; and Ellen Ogilvie, eleven years. Average attendance for the year was 163.

We again were indebted to many of our members who helped paint the kindergarten room red, white and blue. They were Harry Galifianakis, Robert Meade, Gerald Lankford, Jean Page, Lamar Creasman, Martha Barksdale, Blair Gwyn, Sam Vickery, Bob Powell, Steve Powell, John Myers, Nina Creasman, Jim Barksdale, Chuck Myers, Ted Hall, Cindy Page, David Myers, Pam Page, Carol Rogers, and Kay Myers.

New officers of Women of the Church were: President, Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton; Secretary, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt; Treasurer, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver; Historian, Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr.; Chairman of Christian Community Action, Mrs. Bob (Betty) Thompson; Chairman of Leadership and Resources, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry; Chairman of Personal Faith and Family Life, Mrs. Sam (Gene) McGuirt; and Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Spainhour, Mrs. William (Janie) Thompson, Mrs. Steve (Elaine) McCord, Mrs. Charles (Beth) Erwin, Mrs. Joe (Catherine) Darlington, Mrs. James (Margaret) Steele, Miss Norma Stevenson, Mrs. Lanny (Peggy) Wiles, and Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler.

Ken Shultz of Medical Benevolence Foundation was our guest speaker in November. Like Keith McCafferty who spoke to us last year, he was instrumental in increasing our understanding of both the medical missionaries work and the importance of the committed Christian layman. He spoke on "Famous Last Words."

On Sunday, November 26, Martha and Jim Barksdale invited the congregation and friends to an open house at the manse. On Wednesday, November 29, there was a family night supper sponsored by Goal No. 1. Parents and students toured classrooms to meet teachers and see some of the work the children were doing. On Sunday, December 10, there was another family night supper. Mr. and Mrs. Watt Cooper came back to us as special guests. Since the emphasis was on the Joy Gift, the Rev. Mr. Cooper was asked to talk about how the Joy Gift money is used. It was good to see the Coopers again.

Applications were being taken for the three, four, and five-years-olds for kindergarten. The three and four-year-old group is a new undertaking on which a committee has been working for some time.

The pioneers conducted advent service at the beginning of the morning worship each Sunday during Christmas season. Advent is the four weeks preceding Christmas and means the coming of Jesus. It is a time for preparation and anticipation.

The Christmas Cantata on December 17, "Born a King," directed by Miss Mary Louise Clements with Mrs. W. H. (Cathy) McElwee III at the organ, was well received. Soloists were Lamar Creasman, Gordon Finley, Mrs. Bob (Betty) Powell, Mrs. W. J. (Bobbie) Teague, Mrs. Ted (Jackie) Hall, Dr. R. E. Lewis, and Vicki Garrett.

The churchwide Christmas program was also on December 17 with storytime at 5:30. At 6:00 we listened to "Listen to Christmas" by children's and youth choirs, and a Christmas media presentation "Greetings from the Senior High." Children brought gifts for a needy child and Joy Gift mite boxes were received. Our people responded to requests for food and clothing; and there were parties and caroling. The Christmas Eve communion service was at 8:30 on December 24. Those unable to come out at night were taken communion by the pastor and some of the elders that afternoon.

Some of the accomplishments of the goal groups during the year other than those mentioned already are family night suppers, breakfast for high school graduates, the family camping weekend, church picnic at Doughton Park, Koinonia groups, communicants class, work on building and grounds, chaplaincy program, and a "hissing pit" for those who wanted to ask questions or make suggestions.

We received into the church during the year the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold (Nancy) Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter (Ethel) Seabright, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Boland, Kay Christenbury, Ann Carol Hartley, John Thomas Ogburn, Jr., Jeff Montgomery, Sam Ogilvie, Jr., Mary Ethel Blackburn, Melanie Hudson, Todd Meade, Annette Myers, David Powell, Susan Powell, Timothy Payne, Charles Eugene Summers, and Mitch Wiles.

We lost by death: T. A. Finley, Harry Summers, Mrs. Harold (Grace Dean) Burke, Mrs. W. J. (Ruby) Bason, Mrs. Richard (Apphia) Finley, Mrs. F. C. (Mamie) Forester, and Mrs.

Ritz (Lucy) Hardin. Although impossible to go into detail about each of these, we felt a keen sense of loss this year with all these fine people passing away, and we shall surely miss them.

Our marriages: Carolyn Faw Zimmerman and Arthur Upshaw III, Anita Ford and Sgt. Joseph Frederick Springer; Debbie Brooks and Gilbert Douglas Stroud, Jr., and Joyce Christenbury and Paul Anderson.

Babies born during the year: Terrye Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Holder, Ted Hall to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford, and Anna Merritt to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Galifianakis.

Babies baptized: William H. IV, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElwee III and Ted Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford.

Our college students: Jimmy Winkler, Benson Marsh, Jamye York, N. C. State; Gene Spainhour, Bill Gwyn, Bobby Taylor, Karolen Church, Wake Forest; Joyce Christenbury Anderson, Larry Payne, Mary Martha Vickery, Larry Christenbury, Steve Snipes, Patsy Ford, Appalachian State; Carl Yale, VPI; Craig Bennett, Teresa Bennett, Claude Faw, Wayne Marsh, Charlie Sink, Ann Heath Finley, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Bill Brooks, John McElwee, Lenoir Rhyne; Ted Edgerton, Guilford; Vicki Garrett, Catawba; Mary Griffith, Frances Griffith, Stratford; Mike Gwyn, Wingate; Bobby Vickery, Parks Reece, East Carolina; Paige Parker, Greensboro; Margi Lewis, Wake Forest; and Carla Cox, Chuck Erwin, Mari Montogmery, Bob Powell, Perry Snipes, Wilkes Community; and Robbie Lewis, Jim Ford, Dick Sloop, and Tony Baker.

1973

"I asked the New Year for some message sweet, some rule of life with which to guide my feet; I asked, and paused: he answered soft and low, "God's will to know."

Through the guidance of our pastor, James P. Barksdale, through excellent plans for educational life of our church by Mrs. Jackie Hall, through music by Miss Mary Louise Clements, assisted by Mrs. Homer (Jane) Brookshire, Jr., and through studying, praying, serving together, and enjoying the fellowship with other Christian families, we grew in many ways last year. Now with these same persons and ingredients, we start another year together. With Christ in our hearts, we hope we can make the world and community a better place to live.

As a way of financially supporting our church, one of our members had decorative plates made of the church. They were gray and white picture plates with the entire purchase price going to the 1973 budget.

Co-sponsored by Goal Group No. 16, the Women of the Church had a covered dish supper and speaker, the Rev. Day Carper, from the First Presbyterian Church, Hickory. Mr. Carper was a former missionary to the Republic of Zaire, with more than thirty years experience in mission fields. As usual at these suppers, the nursery was open for young children.

The proposed New Confession of Faith was the subject of Wednesday evening prayer meetings for several weeks, led by our pastor.

The session voted again to enroll our church in the "Every Family Plan" of Presbyterian Survey. This means that the Survey is sent to every family in the church unless asked not to do so.

Net communicants on roll of beginning of 1973 was 508. We lost seven by death, dismissed thirteen, and gained twenty. The grand total of all contributions was \$74,554. Our grand total to all benevolences was \$28,098.

On February 18 in an effort to demonstrate the bond which exists between Christians, the ministers of the Wilkesboros exchanged pulpits. Rev. Glenn Lanier of Wilkesboro Methodist was our guest preacher and Mr. Barksdale preached at Atonement Lutheran.

February was Scout month, and we were reminded of the able leadership in our Troop 336, our dedicated Scoutmaster Roy Forehand, and his assistants, Howard Blackburn, Sr., Sgt. Ronald Kelly, Seth Mason, and Joe West; junior assistant Ivan Forehand and senior

patrol leader Bill West. This fifty member troop wins numerous honors and awards. In 1972 they spent 210 hours in special conservation, soil erosion and ecology projects, and 308 hours in community services, such as Heart Fund, United Fund, and Cancer Fund. They had 110 merit badges and four members were tapped into the Order of the Arrow. They won the Presidential ribbon at the 1973 Camporee again for over-all excellence.

We again had goals and committees for 1973 with session goals and their chairmen as follows: To plan and implement a church wide program of Christian education, Gordon Ogilvie; to bring youth into membership, Doris Berry; creative ministry to 18-25 year old group, Gerald Lankford; to bring new members into church, Lib Finley; to develop a ministry of chaplaincy, Doug McElwee; to prepare sacraments, Staton and Grace McIver; to plan and implement a strong weekday kindergarten, Martha Barksdale; to provide three creative seminars during 1973, Doug Winslow; to prepare pamphlets of guidance for congregation, Sam Ogilvie; to review and recommend goals, plans, personnel related to work of church to the session, Jim Barksdale; to promote special emphasis of Presbyterian Church, Blair Gwyn; to provide Christian growth for kindergarten through third grade during worship hour, Jan Johnson, Nina Creasman, Frances Hall; to develop strong vital youth ministry in the church, Betty Thompson; and steering committee of Wilkesboro Chapel, Jim Barksdale.

Diaconate committees were: To develop grace of liberality among members of church, Bob Thompson; to maintain church property, Max Garrett; to stimulate community toward realization of refuge home for children in Christ, Ken Caldwell; to plan and implement a creative program promoting church fellowship, Ted Hall; to usher and welcome, Jim Ford; and to administer policy and monies of social services and scholarship funds, Leonard Brooks.

March 11-17 was Girl Scout Week. We are proud of our Troop 127, with Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs as their leader, Mrs. Gibbs has served faithfully for many years and she is assisted by Mrs. Paul (Jan) Brooks, Mrs. Stephen Foster, Isabella Gibbs, Fran Edwards, Mrs. Conley (Jean) Call, and Mrs. Max (Jeanette) Hamby at times. This troop has grown to twenty-one members and has given 1000 hours in service in the last twelve months.

On April 1st Goal Group No. 4 sponsored a recreation day for the entire family from 4:30 to 7:30 with a hot dog and hamburger supper, followed by a puppet show given by a group of eighth graders from Banner Elk Presbyterian Church.

There was a Drug Abuse Seminar for teenagers and their parents the last Sunday in April. Following a presentation by a drama group from High Point, discussion groups were held. Due to the alarming amount of drugs prevalent in our community and the country today, this was felt to be a much needed discussion.

The ministers of the Wilkesboros led a creative worship service in our sanctuary during Holy Week. It was experimental and creative and well received. During this same week, Maundy communion services were held. On Easter Sunday, we had an Easter Arts Festival in the yard of the church. Our Sunday School students displayed what they had learned for several weeks through study, discussion, and creative expression. A large wooden cross was a project of the senior highs and flowers were brought to adorn this cross.

There was a "Mind Benders Buffet" on May 20 for all church school officers, teachers and their families, sponsored by Goal Group No. 1. They also sponsored a high school graduates dinner in Boone.

Some of the honors received by our members during the year were as follows: Janet Meade, Ellen Ogilvie, Larry Bennett, and David Brown were tapped into the National Honor Society at Wilkes Central; Steve Snipes tapped in Beta Phi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta at Appalachian State; Chet Barksdale had a winning picture in under ten age group at the North Wilkesboro Elementary School and was one of ten placed at Appalachian Art Consortium at Boone; Robby Berry received the Eagle Scout Award during morning worship services on May 27; Larry Bennett was elected treasurer of senior class at Wilkes Central; Neil Brown was elected president of the sophomore class at Wilkes Central; Rose-

mary Marsh was chosen as member of color guard with Wilkes Central Band and Martha Edgerton as a majorette; Glenn Simpson attended Western Carolina University's summer program for superior and gifted young people; Tommy Snipes and Chris Boland selected members of Little League All Star team; Keith Boland and David Myers selected honor campers at Camp Raven Knob; Becky West, Cindy Page and Julie Berry were Cadette Scouts who participated in a Bike-A-Thon for benefit of Wilkes Boys Town, with Mrs. Joe (Jane) West as one of the leaders of these girls and their troop; Ted Edgerton, a junior at Guilford, was awarded Dana Scholarship for leadership ability and academic achievement; Fran Griffith was member of May Court at Stratford; Robby Berry was awarded an Eagle Bronze Palm award; Karen Hall received award for successfully saying the catechism for young children; Paige Parker was inducted into Alpha Kappa Omega, a National Honorary Academic fraternity; Mrs. Faye Runnion was Wilkes County Teacher of the Year for 1972; Joe Reinhardt was elected president of YMCA; our men's basketball team went to the semi-finals in church league; Bill Long and Larry Hall were elected president and state director, respectively, of Wilkes County Jaycees; Bob Powell was named Investigator of the Year for Southeast region of Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Divison of U. S. Treasury Department; Larry Bennett and Alan Payne were nominees for Morehead Scholarship; Bob Thompson was elected president of Northwestern Chapter of Personnel and Guidance Workers; Sam Vickery was elected president of Wilkes Community College Symphony Orchestra; Dr. Henry C. Landon III received a Ruth Coltrane Cannon award for accomplishment in historic preservation and restoration presented by N. C. Museums Council; Roy Forehand was chosen Scout Leader of the Year for Wilkes District of Boy Scouts of America; Mrs. Bob Powell received her B. S. degree from Appalachian State; Mrs. Gerald Lankford was elected president of the Junior Woman's Club; Mrs. Tim Davis received an award for Outstanding New Member of Junior Woman's Club; and Mrs. Jackie Hall was elected vice president of the Wilkesboro Ministerial Association.

Our high school graduates were: Landon Alfriend, Janet Meade, Steve McCord, Donnie Payne and Steve Powell.

Instead of Vacation Bible School this summer, a planned program of arts and crafts, recreation, games, field trips, and Bible study was planned and approved by the session. The program lasted for six weeks with each class in Sunday School, four years old through sixth grade, coming one day each week. Mrs. Frank (Carol) Hartley, assisted by Paige Hall and Julie Berry, was director.

During the summer months Mr. Barksdale taught a course in Bible study at the Wilkesboro Chapel each Wednesday evening. Our congregation was invited to participate.

We congratulated Rev. Barksdale on being elected chairman of the Presbytery's Co-ordinating Council for Concord Presbytery. This council will oversee all planning, budgeting, etc. of our presbytery. Leonard Brooks and Mr. Barksdale attended the Synod of North Carolina in June at Union Theological Seminary Richmond, Virginia.

The ministers of Area Seven of Concord Presbytery met at our church in June. The purpose of the meeting was to get acquainted with each other, to study together presbytery restructure, and to understand the style and function of the area groupings.

"I Wish" cards were placed in pew racks for purpose of the congregation writing suggestions of ways to improve the program and ministry of our church to the glory of our Lord.

Guest ministers during the vacation period of summer months were: Rev. Will Terry, Dean of Students at Davidson; Rev. John Handley, Administrator-Alcoholism Counselor, Lincoln County Mental Health Center; Dr. John T. Wayland, Instructor of Religion at Wilkes Community College and Assistant Pastor of First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro; Rev. Watt Cooper, retired minister of this church; and Rev. Mike Jordan, Assistant Minister of the First United Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro.

Our second family camping retreat at Susan Barbour Jones was held in July and was again a huge success. Our thanks went to Ted Hall, Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Mrs. Sam

(Louise) Vickery, Bob Powell, Harry Galifianakis and Robert Gibbs for all their work in planning this happy event.

Our seniors spent several days in Atlanta, Georgia. Besides "Six Flags Over Georgia," they visited Central Presbyterian Church and the new Presbyterian Center. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lewis loaned them their motor home, and drivers and advisors were Bill and Patsy Long, Ted and Jackie Hall and Robbie Lewis.

We extended grateful appreciation to the following officers and teachers who rotated out of office in October: Gordon Ogilvie, superintendent; Carolina Finley, Jeannie Ogilvie, Cecil Meade, Dottie Johnston, Betty Thompson, Lib Finley, Karolen Church, Gordon Finley, Jr., Lowell Bushong, Betty Winslow, and to Bill and Patsy Long who has been senior advisors. John Hubbard became new Sunday School superintendent; Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Wiles, Robbie Lewis, and Clay Bauguss leaders of senior highs, with Chris Parker new president. Bob Thompson and Mrs. Arnold (Nancy) Simpson are the leaders for the pioneers.

On Rally Day we had the following with perfect attendance: Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, two years; Sam Ogilvie, Sr. and Arthur Finley, four years; Robby Berry, two years; and Martha and Margaret Ogilvie, seven years.

The lounge where the Vanguard Sunday School class meets on Sunday mornings was converted into a three and four-year-old kindergarten room for use during the week. After much hard work and planning, Mrs. Jim (Martha) Barksdale and her committee were ready to open in September with a full enrollment. They secured Mrs. Nancy Cardwell as teacher with Mrs. Theo (Hilda) Holder assisting. With Mrs. Kay Myers, assisted by Mrs. Daisy Myers and the five year old kindergarten also continuing, we now have an active pre-school program going at our church. Mrs. Cardwell and Mrs. Kay Myers attended N. C. Kindergarten Association Conference in Greensboro to learn new methods and resources in pre-school education during the year.

Our Women of the Church new officers were installed as follows: First Vice President, Miss Norma Stevenson; Second Vice President, Mrs. W. H. (Doug) McElwee; Chairman Personal Faith and Family Life, Mrs. H. M. (Martha) Parker, Jr.; Chairman Ecumenical Missions, Mrs. Ken (Vivian) Caldwell; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn, Mrs. J. R. (Nancy) Church, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis, Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Taylor, Mrs. Jim (Ruth) Ford, Mrs. Bill (Patsy) Long, and Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout.

With Mrs. Wendell (Margie) Edgerton as president, the women were very active and gave generously of their time and money. In March, Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee spoke to the women at a morning meeting and lunch on "Why we need the W. O. C." In May, Mrs. McQueen of Sparta gave us a message on birthday objective and this was followed by birthday tea. In October, Dr. John T. Wayland spoke and in December Mr. Barksdale spoke to the women about the purpose of the Joy Gift.

New elders were elected in October as follows: Claude Hall, Frank Hartley, Sam Ogilvie, Sam Vickery, and H. M. "Skip" Parker, Jr. New deacons elected were: Robbie Lewis, Bill Long, Mrs. Kay Myers, Harry Page, Arnold Simpson, and Doug Winslow.

On November 17 the senior high fellowship went to Western Carolina Center at Morganton to give a Thanksgiving party for the children there. On Thanksgiving Day, our annual service was held, with an offering of \$426.75 received for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

The month of December was full as usual, and we always end our year on a happy and joyous note. Some of the activities were the Advent Candle Services by the pioneers, 3 M class party, junior department class party, senior high Christmas party, pioneer party, Christmas Cantata by the chancel choir, family night supper and Joy Gift program, "Christmas in Song" by children and youth choirs, couples club Christmas caroling, climaxed by the Christmas Eve communion service. Advent event replaced our churchwide Christmas program usually held the Sunday before Christmas. This was planned to help all of us to turn our eyes to Advent of our Lord in a way which will be meaningful and helpful as we prepared for Christmas. Part I was a worship service held in the sanctuary, followed by

Part II, a craft program followed by light supper and arrival of St. Nicholas.

The following were received into communion membership in our church: Mr. and Mrs. Tim (Debbie) Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Louise) Thomas, Samuel C. Wilson III, Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Ruth) McCachren, Myra O'Neil McCachren. William B. McCachren, Jr., and Matthew Scott McCachren.

Through death we lost three members: Mrs. Frank P. (Florine) Blair, Jr., Mrs. Hugh (Louise Vyne) Bailey, and Mrs. Andrew (Gwyn Finley) Wilson.

The following children were born to members this year: Ona Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford; Robert Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hall; and Mary Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.

Marriages were: Mrs. Catherine Holt Darlington to Samuel C. Wilson III, Mrs. Irene Christenbury to N. C. Huffman, and Margaret Glenn Taylor to George Alan McConnell.

Children and infant baptisms: Timothy Edward and Jeffrey George Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Davis; Kelly Suzanne and Maynard Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Thomas; and Ona Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford.

Our college students: Jimmy Winkler, Tony Baker, N. C. State; Steve Snipes, Patsy Ford, Larry Christenbury, Appalachian State; Craig Bennett, Ann Heath Finley, Charles Sink, Claude Faw, Wayne Marsh, Teresa Bennett, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Bill Brooks, John McElwee, Lenoir Rhyne; Margi Lewis, U. N. C. at Greensboro; Paige Parker, Greensboro; Mike Gwyn, Wingate; Ted Edgerton, Guilford; Vicki Garrett, Catawba; Mary Griffith, Fran Griffith, Stratford; Bobby Vickery, Parks Reece, East Carolina; Bob Powell, Perry Snipes, Janet Meade, Steve McCord, Donnie Payne, Wilkes Community; Landon Alfriend, Randolph-Macon; Karolen Church, Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Petesy Gwyn, Mary Baldwin; and Myra McCachren, Meredith.

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We faced the New Year with this thought, "We shall go forward to the work of another year with steadfastness and confidence."

We had a unique eight-weeks course for parents at our church in January. The Parent Effectiveness Training Workshop was a course designed to help parents and leaders find out what is wrong in parent-child relationship and to help them get started doing something about it.

Our children's Sunday School classes took a new turn. The children are involved participants. They learn by doing-working in learning centers, doing research, expressing their creative activities and group discussion. The children seem fascinated by this new approach, and parents were heard to say, "This is not like it was when I was growing up."

Senior advisors, Peggy and Lanny Wiles, attended a Serendipity Workshop in Charlotte in January. It was led by a national team of youth experts and our advisors hoped this would strengthen our local program by bringing back some new ideas from these experts.

We appreciated the work of the 1973 Goal Groups who served a one year term. They worked especially hard and it is people like these who keep a church "alive and well."

The committees for 1974 are as follows: Planning and research, C. C. Faw, Jr.; worship, H. M. Parker; commitment, John R. Church; witness, Perry Snipes; congregational care, W. C. Grier; church staff, Paul Cashion; Christian education, Sam Vickery; and week-day school, Mrs. Sam (Catherine) Wilson.

Diacurate committees: Stewardship, Bob Thompson; church property, Doug Winslow; ushering and offering, Bob Powell; fellowship, Harry Page; service, Mrs. E. S. (Lib) Finley; and finance and budget, Arnoid Simpson.

Some of our young people went to the Annual World Missions Youth Rally at Barium Springs. It featured missionaries from around the world and an exciting singing group from Charlotte, "The New World Singers." The seniors also went to Western Carolina Center at Morganton to entertain the children there. They took gifts and refreshments.

The winter meeting of Presbytery met January 26 in the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby. Delegates were principal, John R. Church; alternate, Perry Snipes; and Rev. James P. Barksdale. Blair Gwyn was elected to represent Concord Presbytery as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sunday, February 17 was our second annual pulpit exchange sponsored by Wilkesboro's Ministerial Association. Allen Laymon from the North Wilkesboro Baptist was our preacher and Mr. Barksdale went to Wilkesboro Baptist.

The Women of the Church sponsored a family night supper in February. Mrs. Leroy Campbell of Hickory was guest of honor. Mrs. Campbell had visited in several mission fields.

Girl Scout Troop No. 127 performed many outstanding services to Wilkes County community. For five years they have sent \$150 a year to an orphan in Taiwan, and they donate many hours staffing Bloodmobile and at Wilkes General Hospital. They make frequent trips to Carolina Rest Home and remember the elderly on birthdays and Christmas.

During the 64th anniversary month of Boy Scouts of America, we learned that our Troop No. 336 earned more rank advancements during 1973 than any other troop in the Old Hickory Council.

Our annual report showed that we began this year with 504 members. We gave \$26,133 to all benevolences and the grand total to all contributions was \$75,050. It seems that we keep going up every year, and this is a sign of a growing church.

Mr. Barksdale attended the Senior Seminar, Interpreter's House at Lake Junaluska in March. Mrs. Hall attended annual meeting of N. C. Association of Church Educators at Barium Springs also in March.

Troop 336 had nine boys to receive the Eagle Scout award in March. The Court of Honor was held in our church and was an impressive ceremony. Although none of these boys were Presbyterians, we were pleased and proud to share with them in this special awards ceremony. Troop 336 received one of two blue ribbons at a recent winter camporee.

Dr. Bernard Boyd, Professor of Religion at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was our guest minister on March 24. He is a distinguished Bible scholar, whose popularity among students at Chapel Hill makes him a speaker greatly in demand. We felt fortunate in having him come to preach to us, and take time out from his busy schedule.

"Getting to know you" covered dish supper was held in March sponsored by Fellowship Committee and our special guests were all our new members from 1972-1974.

We started in March a trial venture, Church Family Fellowship, where anyone wishing could get together after the worship service for coffee or cold drink and good fellowship for a short period of time.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 127 expressed appreciation to our church for its constant support and interest in their troop.

The Future Musicians of America presented Randy Sheets in a program of organ music in March. Randy is a student of Mrs. Robert Gibbs and a member of our church. Later on he was organist for a month during the summer, and had a graduating recital at Wilkes Central gymnasium.

In preparation for Holy Week and Easter, on Palm Sunday a Union Service was held in our church sponsored by the Wilkesboros Ministerial Association. The material used was original, written by some local ministers, including Jim Barksdale. There was music, group participation and celebration of Holy Communion. We also had Communion on Maundy Thursday evening.

Rev. Lewis J. Yelanjian died the last of March. In 1943, Rev. Yelanjian was supply pastor of our church for six months during the time Rev. Watt Cooper was a chaplain in the navy.

In the church school the students again focused their attention on Easter and its meaning. Each class studied and endeavored to grasp the meaning of Easter and then used as a theme for a banner. They were displayed on Easter Sunday. The flower bedecked cross was again placed on our lawn.

The Women of the Church had an intensive Bible study for the entire church in April. This was a study on the Gospel of John with Skip Parker as teacher.

Syd and Virginia Spainhour and daughter, Kristina, returned from Germany after three years. Syd had been serving in armed forces during this time and Kristina was born there. We welcomed them back.

Mrs. Jackie Hall took a course at Barium Springs which met several Wednesdays. It was on "Your Child's Self Esteem." At conclusion she was qualified to offer this course to parents in our church if they so desired.

The Senior Highs went to Western Carolina Center at Morganton in May to visit and entertain the children there. They took refreshments and records. On May 12 they visited the First Presbyterian Church in Statesville and met with their youth groups and the one from Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

Boy Scout Troop 336 built a three span bridge which required more than 1600 man hours to build. They scored 100 points out of a total of 100 for a blue ribbon on this achievement.

The Women of the Church members brought finger type food for lunch and Women of the Church furnished drinks and dessert for the annual birthday tea. \$522.00 was contributed, which went this year to Evergreen School in Minden, Louisiana.

Jim Barksdale and Sam Vickery attended the Synod of North Carolina meeting at Montreat. Mr. Barksdale also attended a Presbytery meeting at Barium Springs. He is chairman of the Presbytery Coordinating Council.

Our high school graduates were Hal Baker, David Brown, Larry Bennett, Ellen Ogilvie, David Sink, Bill West, Chris Parker, Alan Payne, Corinne Richardson, and Randy Sheets. Martha Edgerton, Kim Erwin, and Ivan Forehand were also graduates after the summer school.

On Saturday, June 15, we had a "Day in the Park" sponsored by the fellowship committee, Harry Page, chairman. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served and the families of our church had an afternoon of fun and relaxation.

Some of the honors received by our members during the year included: Bob Thompson was promoted to rank of Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve; Martha Edgerton, Rosemary Marsh and Alan Payne were inducted into the National Honor Society at Wilkes Central; Julie Berry, Cindy Page, and Becky West received their first class award in Scouting; Dr. Henry C. Landon III was appointed a member of N. C. Bicentennial Foundation Board; Paige Hall was elected JV cheerleader at Wilkes Central; Karen Hall won second prize in county-wide essay contest for sixth graders, sponsored by Wilkes Soil and Water Conservation; Martha Barksdale had some paintings accepted in N. C. Watercolor Society Spring Show and some of her work hangs in the Weatherspoon Gallery in Greensboro; Jenni Reinhardt was one of five Salem Academy students to receive a Citizenship Award, highest non-academic award given to a student. At the same time, Jenni was elected President of the sophomore class for 1974-75; Bill Brooks was tapped into Nu Sigma Epsilon, honorary scholastic society at Lenoir Rhyne; Martha Edgerton and Alan Payne won freshmen scholarships to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Randy Sheets received a grant from St. Andrews Presbyterian College; Bob Thompson was elected third vice president, Charles Myers, director, Mike Thomas, secretary, and Arnold Simpson, tail twister of the Lion's Club; Robby Berry was chosen to receive a special course in leadership development at Camp Raven Knob; Edward S. Finley, Jr., passed the N. C. Bar examination and is now practicing law; Mrs. Karen Bushong was named Club Woman of the year for Beta Sigma Phi Epsilon Rho Sorority; Ted Edgerton was again named a Dana Scholar, awarded on basis of a high academic average, character and leadership ability; Mr. Barksdale was chosen moderator-elect of January meeting of Concord Presbytery; Myra McCachren was elected into Kappa Nu Sigma, honorary scholastic society at Meredith College; Gerald Lankford appointed a member of the N. C. Department of Labor Safety Advisory Board; Doug Winslow was named 1974-75 president of Wilkes County Bar Association; Bill Brooks

was listed in 1974-75 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" from Lenoir Rhyne; Mrs. Jackie Hall is one of the leaders at a workshop for youth advisors and teachers planned by Concord Presbytery at Susan Barbour Jones in November; Gerald Lankford was elected Wilkes County Commissioner; David Brooks selected by radio station WWWC as player on All-County football team for 1974; Mrs. Jackie Hall member of Planning Committee for Concord Presbytery World Missions Youth Rally to be held in February 1975 in Statesville; Ralph Buchan, Sr. was elected President of National Association of Mirror Manufacturers; Bill Brooks, Myra McCachren, Jimmy Winkler, Petesy Gwyn, Claude Faw, Ted Edgerton, Perry Snipes and Landon Alfriend made the dean's list at their colleges; and Bill Long was elected State Jaycee vice president.

Sunday, June 23, was Orientation Day for our broadly-graded learning center. This was a new idea for summer church school, where all the young folks from grades one through six meet and work and study together until September 1. They looked together at life of Apostle Paul and its implication for our lives today.

Sponsored by Senior High Fellowship, "The New Wine Singers" performed for the entire congregation and visitors; and the sanctuary was full. This was a group of young adults who minister as a vocal and instrumental ensemble. The purpose of the choir is to worship God, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to minister toward personal, spiritual growth. They were well received.

The Fellowship Group sponsored an ice cream social at Smoot Park and also sponsored another family retreat to Susan Barbour Jones. This committee and goal group has been quite busy.

Vacation church school this year was a retreat for grades one through four on July 19-20 at cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Mary Lib) Cashion, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Sister) Galifianakis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Kay) Myers as their leaders. Ages four, five and six on July 30-31 met at our church for Bible study, crafts, nature study, music, art, fun and games. Their leaders were Mrs. Tim (Debbie) Davis, Mrs. Gordon (Carolina) Finley, Jr., and Jim Goodnow. Fifth and sixth graders went to Susan Barbour Jones on a retreat with the Frank Hartleys, Harry Pages, and Mrs. Jackie Hall.

The following young people went to summer camp: Camp Grier, Phyllis Thompson, Rebecca Simpson; Camp Susan Barbour Jones, Julie Berry, Ann Hartley, Janice Hartley, Susan Meade, Cindy Page, and Becky West.

Steve Snipes, son of the congregation, preached for us the Sunday Mr. Barksdale was at the family retreat. Steve just graduated from Appalachian State and will further his studies at Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

The Wilkes County United Fund announced the following officers from our church: President, Lanny Wiles; First Vice President and Fund Campaign Chairman, Bill Long; Board of Directors, John R. Church, Larry Hall, Ted Hall, Gerald Lankford, Bill Long, Lanny Wiles; Budget and Admissions Committee, E. S. Finley, Gerald Lankford, and Perry Snipes.

Other ministers who served us this summer during vacation of Mr. Barksdale were: Dr. H. C. Evans, president of Lees McRae, Banner Elk; Dr. Warner L. Hall, director of Presbyterian Foundation, Inc.; Dr. John T. Wayland, assistant minister of First Baptist Church; and Dr. Olin T. Binkley, retired president of Southeastern Seminary.

Vanya Forehand, Peggy and Lanny Wiles and Ted Hall attended a weekend for high school and youth advisors and teachers at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in order to better prepare themselves for work with our youth.

Troop No. 336 again set records at Camp Raven Knob. They were the first troop ever to receive a perfect score in all events at the camp. Scoutmaster Forehand won first place in the Scoutmaster's contest. Allen Finley was tapped into Order of the Arrow. They also received a presidential citation at a later camporee.

The following teachers and officers were rotated out on Rally Day, September 8th: John Hubbard, superintendent; Kay Myers, Jean Page, Cecil Meade, Doris Berry, Martha

Barksdale, Jan Johnson, Betty Winslow, Sam Vickery, Carol Harltey, Marjorie Edgerton, Bob Thompson, Dot Johnston, and Clay Bauguss. Adults with perfect attendance on Rally Day were: Mrs. Wayne Myers, Mrs. Florence Tashiro (Wilkesboro Chapel), Blair Gwyn, Mrs. Sam Ogilvie, three years; Sam Ogilvie, Sr., five years; among the children David Myers, Susan Meade, one year; Sam Ogilvie, Jr., six years; Margaret and Martha Ogilvie, eight years; Ellen Ogilvie, twelve years. We commend Ellen Ogilvie for her twelve years of perfect attendance. This is an achievement very few equal. Average attendance for the year was 155.5. Harry Page became superintendent of Sunday School. Our pioneer leaders are now Mrs. Arnold (Nancy) Simpson and John Hubbard. Leaders of the senior high fellowship are Peggy and Lanny Wiles and Robbie Lewis.

Our complete list of officers of Women of the Church is as follows: President, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Berry; First Vice President, Miss Norma Stevenson; Second Vice President, Mrs. W. H. (Douglas) McElwee; Secretary, Mrs. Bob (Betty) Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. Staton (Grace) McIver; Historian, Mrs. Sam (Catherine) Wilson; Chairman of Personal Faith and Family Life, Mrs. H. M. (Martha) Parker; Chairman of Christian Community Action, Mrs. John (Rebecca) Hubbard; Chairman of Ecumenical Missions and Relations, Mrs. Ken (Vivian) Caldwell; Chairman Leadership and Resources, Mrs. R. E. (Dorothy) Lewis; Social Chairman, Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour; Nursery, Mrs. Perry (Bobbie) Snipes; Flowers, Mrs. W. E. (Elizabeth) Gaither; Friends of Seminary, Mrs. John Harris; Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Leonard (Mildred) Brooks, Mrs. John R. (Nancy) Church, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Reinhardt, Mrs. Tom (Jane) Ogburn, Mrs. J. O. (Paige) Simpson, Mrs. William (Ruth) McCachren, and Mrs. Elmer (Hilda) Kendrick.

The Women of the Church provided a hand rail beside the education building walk. This useful and attractive hand rail is a much needed improvement.

On October 6, we had a very special day. It was "Choir Appreciation Day" which began with the morning worship service and continued in the evening. We had communion at the morning services, with special music by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pardue. Our organist and choir members were able to sit in the congregation with family and friends. To further show our appreciation for their dedicated service, we had a brunswick stew supper prepared by Mrs. L. S. (Mozelle) Spainhour, with a little help from friends, cake by Mrs. Edward (Faye) Runnion, and homemade ice cream prepared by several families of the congregation. After a few songs by the children's and youth choirs, Skip Parker presented certificates to all choir members, with Miss Mary Louise Clements, director, receiving red roses. Those honored on this day besides Miss Clements were: Miss Ellen Robinson, Mrs. R. S. (Isabella) Gibbs, Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. Gordon (Irma) Ogilvie, Mrs. Jackie Hall, Mrs. John (Rebecca) Hubbard, Paige Hall, Martha Edgerton, Mrs. E. S. (Lib) Finley, Mrs. Bill (Ruth) McCachren, Mrs. W. J. (Bobbie) Teague, Mrs. Max (Jean) Garrett, Miss Vicki Garrett, Mrs. Bob (Betty) Powell, Mrs. Sam (Eugenia) Ogilvie, Miss Karen Knox, Mrs. W. E. (Elizabeth) Gaither, Robbie Lewis, Gordon Finley, Paul Brooks, David Brooks, W. J. Teague, Bob and Betty Thompson, Dr. R. E. Lewis, Randy Sheets, Miss Elizabeth Finley, Steve Snipes, and Norman Kaneklides.

The session voted to give \$500.00 from the special offering fund to be used to meet the hunger crisis in the Sahel region of North Africa, and to give members of the congregation an opportunity to share with individual gifts on November 3. Final total from both churches was \$1,159.85. The pioneers and seniors went on "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF at Halloween to help alleviate the world hunger crisis. \$517.27 was raised at this time.

The stewardship committee sponsored a family night supper in November. Guest speaker was Bill East, Elder in Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, and city editor of the Journal-Sentinel there.

On November 17th our senior highs were host to the young people from First Methodist Church, who led the congregation in a service of worship. They presented a Christian musical which was well received. Our seniors also went on a retreat with the senior highs of Shelby Presbyterian church the last of November, to the Golden Valley Girl Scout Camp in South Mountains.

Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Winkler was honored with a surprise recognition hour with coffee and cake by members of the Presbyterian Senior Girl Scout Troop 127 one Sunday morning in November before the Sunday School hour. Annie has long time worked with the Girl Scouts, but more recently more with the cultural and civic progress in the county. She is now cultural coordinator for Wilkes schools, and works with State Department of Archives and History of N. C. at Raleigh. She was recently named vice president of N. C. Historic Preservation Society, and is secretary of Old Wilkes, Inc. But most important of all to Annie is her interest in people, her family and her church. For many years she has taught the Vanguard class in Sunday School and has held many offices in Women of the Church.

At the annual Wilkes District Boy Scout Award Banquet in November, Troop No. 336 was commended as having 556 awards and advancements out of a 1000 given in the district, and received the National President's Award for this distinction.

We had some other distinctions among our members toward the last of the year: Charles Myers was named manager of North Wilkesboro office of N. C. Employment Security Commission; Tom Ogburn was elected treasurer of Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; Ted Hall was elected chairman of diaconate for the second year; Debbie Davis received an award for having most outstanding department for the year in Junior Woman's Club; Jan Jones for being the most outstanding new member; Linda Lankford won the Citizenship Award and Friendship Award from WKBC; Bob Yale was re-appointed to the Redevelopment Commission; Ralph Buchan was appointed a member of the Wilkes General Hospital Board of Trustees; Dr. H. C. Landon was elected chairman of Old Wilkes, Inc.

Staton McIver retired after forty years in soil conservation work and administrator in charge of thirteen Northwest North Carolina counties for the past thirty years. Mr. McIver has been a past deacon and elder in the church and has held many positions of leadership.

Dr. R. G. Taylor was named president of N. C. Association for Retarded. He has served as director and vice president before being elected president. He was also recently presented a certificate of appreciation by council on developmental disabilities of N. C. Department of Human Resources for "lending a helping hand to programs for development of mentally disabled citizens of N. C. which enables them to reach their full potential and to live with dignity, happiness and usefulness."

Our Christmas activities began with "Our Festival of Joy" in the fellowship hall from 3:00 until 7:00 p. m. on December 8. There was a place for everyone, with candle making, bird nests, gifts, customs, music and worship followed by a light supper and fellowship. Many people worked hard getting ready for this day of creativeness including Jackie Hall, Carolina Finley, Mary Martha Vickery, Bob Vickery, Ruth McCachren, Elaine McCord, Betty Thompson, Paul Brooks, Chuck Myers, Jean Page, Betty Powell, Mozelle Spainhour, Sam Vickery, Carol Hartley, Ken Caldwell, Harry Galifianakis, Bill Long, Martha Barksdale, Lola Knox, Dot Lewis, Martha Parker, Jane West, Jim Barksdale, Skip Parker, Cecile Meade, Jeannie Ogilvie, and Nancy Cox.

This was followed by "Gifts of Joy" the following Sunday. This was the annual Women of the Church Joy Gift program and supper. The Joy Gift offering amounted to \$455.03. The children's and youth choirs sang for us this same morning at the worship service.

On Sunday December 22, the chancel choir led us in a Christmas music service and on December 24 we had our annual Christmas Eve communion music service. The pioneers led us each Sunday in a brief advent service. A beautiful Christmas tree was placed in the fellowship hall for our people to bring food and gifts to the needy, and as usual they responded generously.

We received into the church the following new members during 1974: Chris Boland, Cam Finley, Tammy Foster, Karen Hall, Susan Meade, David Myers, Gordon Ogilvie, Jr., Jodi Reinhardt, Glenn Simpson, Rebecca Simpson, Tommy Snipes, Mrs. R. G. (Mary Porter) Finley, Miss Eloise Wells, Mrs. Rita Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sheets, Randy Sheets, Jeff

Sheets, Dr. and Mrs. James M. Knox, Karen Elizabeth Knox, Sara Kathryn Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Jan) Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitesides, Kim Whitesides, Curt Whitesides, Paul Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gregory.

Congratulations and best wishes went to the following who were united in marriage during the year: Gene Myers and Joyce Ann Porter, Richard G. Finley and Mrs. Mary Porter Gentry, Claude C. Faw III, and Debra Neal Hill, Steve Snipes and Cathy Shaw, Ralph Buchan, Jr. and Deborah Whittington, Robert Bryan Taylor and Vicki Lynn Higgins, Suzie Lewis and Ernest R. Tonski, and Janet Meade and William Robert Craft.

Our hearts were saddened in the loss of two of our young men through accidents, Steve Powell and Timothy Payne. Our hearts went out to the families of these promising young men. We were also saddened by the death of Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Finley, long a member of our church and one of the most active women in the congregation. She held many church offices, taught for many years in Sunday School, was active in circles and Women of the Church, and a devoted and dedicated Christian. We lost Samuel Wilson also during the year. Although he had not been with us long, we had already grown to love him.

Babies born during the year were Mary Catherine to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElwee III and Catherine Michelle to Mr. and Mrs. John Stout.

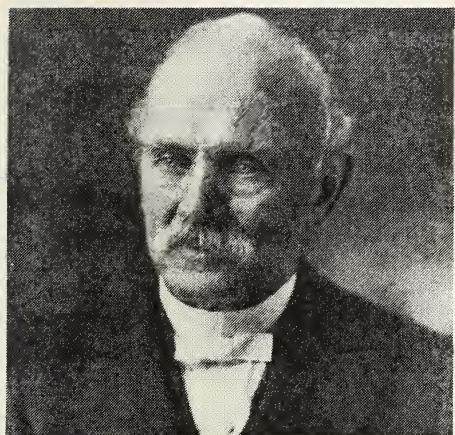
Children baptized: Mary Rebecca, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Jr.; Zachery and Anna Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Galifianakis, baptized at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church; Robert Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hall; and Deborah Johanna, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Riker.

Our college students: Tony Baker, Mike Gwyn, N. C. State; Patsy Ford, Perry Snipes, Bob Powell, Appalachian State; Bill Brooks, John McElwee, Lenoir Rhyne; Margi Lewis, U.N.C. at Greensboro; Craig Bennett, Ann Heath Finley, Charles Sink, Claude Faw, Wayne Marsh, Teresa Bennett, Martha Edgerton, Alan Payne, Larry Bennett, David Sink, University of N. C. at Chapel Hill; Ted Edgerton, Guilford; Vicki Garrett, Catawba; Parks Reece, Kim Erwin, East Carolina; Landon Alfriend, Randolph Macon; Petesy Gwyn, Mary Baldwin; Chris Parker, Wingate; Myra McCachren, Meredith; David Brown, Wake Forest; Ellen Ogilvie, University of N. C. at Greensboro; Corinne Richardson, Bill West, Ivan Forehand, Kim Whitesides, Steve McCord, Wilkes Community; Randy Sheets, St. Andrews; and Mary Griffith, Fran Griffith, Donnie Payne, Hal Baker, Gene Tashiro.

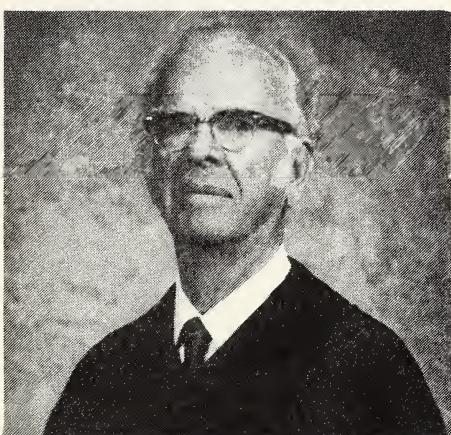
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#### ADDENDUM:

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson Brame, Jr. presented their three children for baptism on November 29, 1964. They were: Elizabeth Michele, William Anderson III and Angela Rebecca. Mention of this event was inadvertently omitted from the yearly report of 1964.



*Rev. Charles W. Robinson.*



*Rev. Watt M. Cooper.*



*Rev. James B. McLeod.*



*Rev. James P. Barksdale Jr.*



*Dr. Robert C. Evans III*



*Mrs. Augustus (Martha Gordon) Finley, charter member whose contributions led to the new church being called Martha Gordon Chapel.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Kate Cameron) Finley, charter members.*



*Ruth and Mary Elizabeth Pilson, baptized non-communicants in founding group.*



*Lucy Lenoir Finley, first child baptized in new church.*

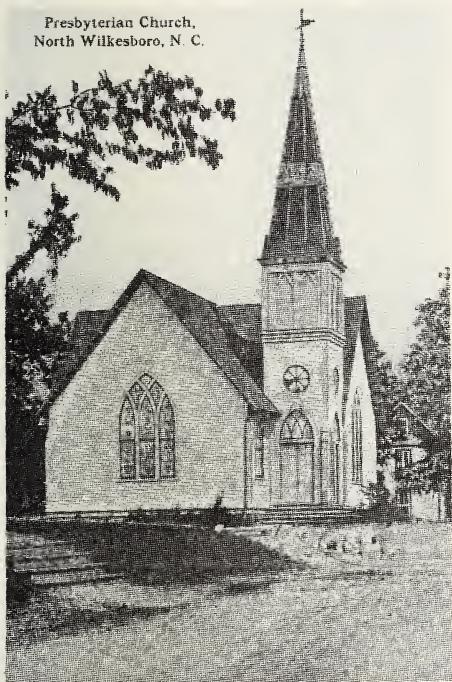


*Mrs. Elisha (Corinne Finley) Blair, charter member.*

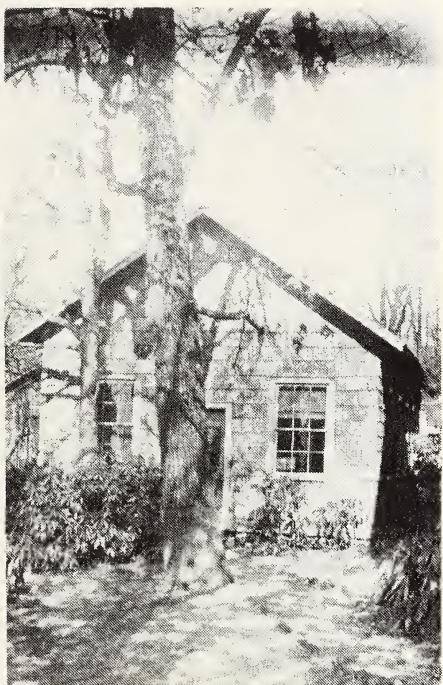


*Mrs. R. Walter (Tate Blair) Gwyn, last surviving charter member.*

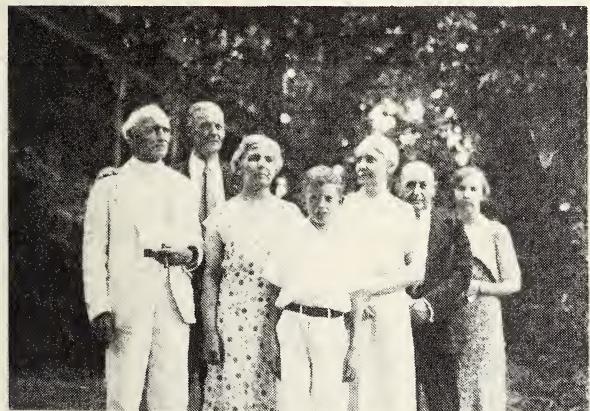
Presbyterian Church,  
North Wilkesboro, N. C.



A postcard picture of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church built in 1893.



The bark-covered hut erected in 1923 for church activities.



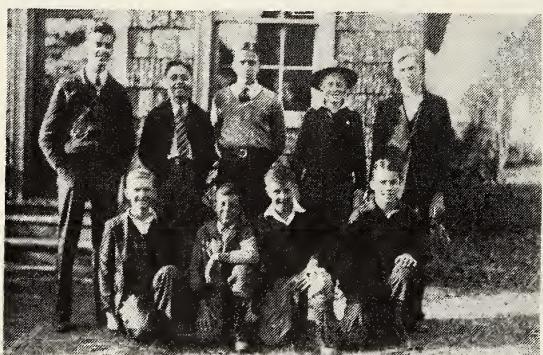
Rev. Charles W. Robinson (left) and his family: son Edmund, daughter Ellen, grandson Donald McDiarmid, daughter Kate McDiarmid, son-in-law James McDiarmid and granddaughter Janie McDiarmid in the front yard of the manse on E Street.



William P. Bynum, longtime janitor of the church.



1925 Bible School class. Front row (l to r): Sam Ward, Gordon Ogilvie, Paul Cashion, Ed Finley, Frank Ives, Frank McNeil and Sam Ogilvie; second row: J.D. Moore, Frank Stafford, Blair Gwyn, Lewis Vickery and Tom Ward; third row: Herman Sprinkle, Dick Gwyn, Willis Williams and Arthur Martin.



Boy Scout Troop 36, c. 1931, in front of the Hut. Front (l to r) Harry Morton, Paul Warren, Sam Vickery, Sam Ogilvie; back: Ed Finley, Hunter Keck, Gordon Ogilvie, Paul Cashion, Howard Morton.



Young people's group, the thirties. Left to right, Jane Perry, Barbara Ogilvie, Katherine Finley, Corinne Faw, Pat Williams Jr. and Mary Louise Clements.



1927 Bible school teachers. Front row (l to r) Virginia Hix, Ruby Pendley, Eloise Mitchell, Elizabeth Finley, Annie May Finley; back: Tom Ward, John Melton, Earl Caudill, A.M. Beardslee.



*An interior view of the 1893 sanctuary as photographed before the 1922 funeral of Lt. William A. Sydnor.*



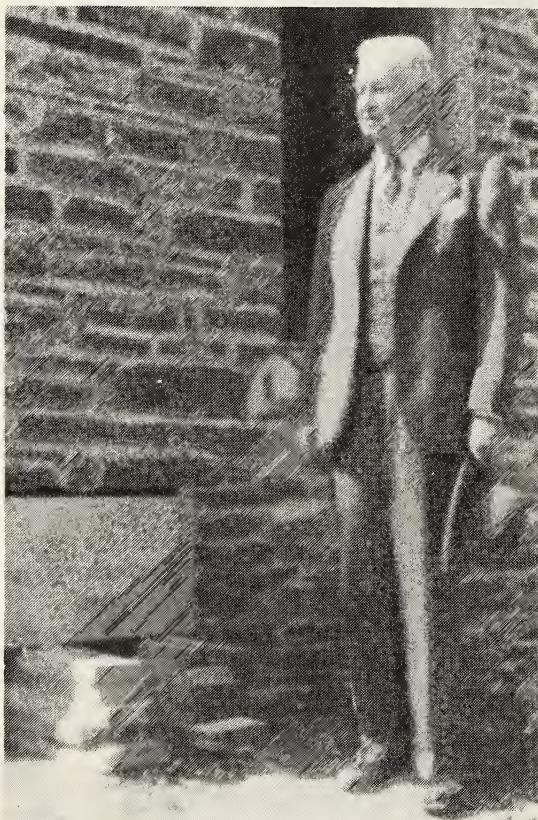
*Mourners leaving the Sydnor funeral.*



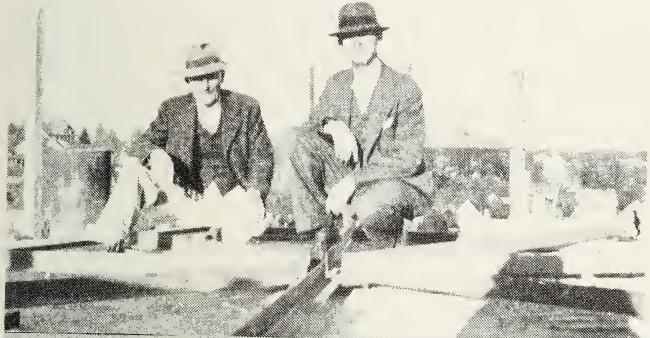
*Robert Wood Finley.*



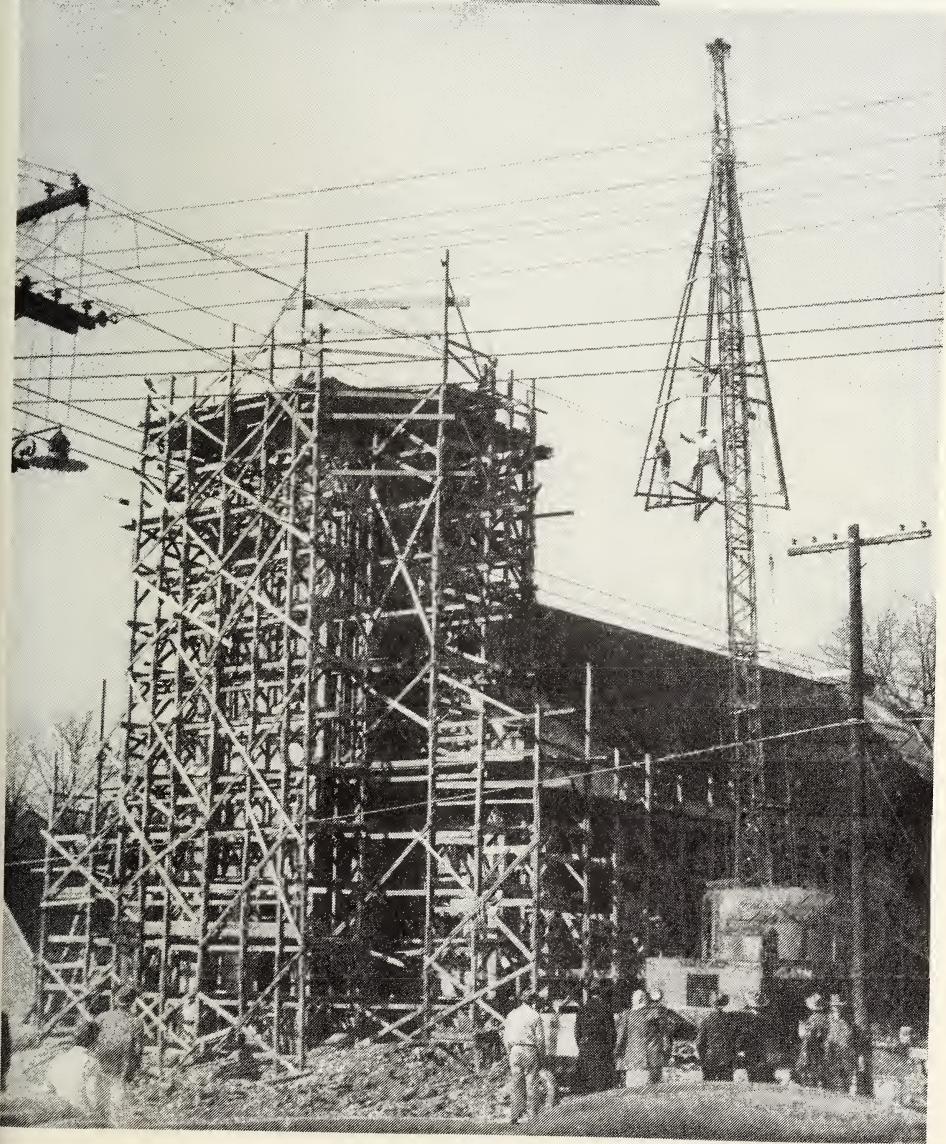
*The frame church is demolished, April 1948.*



*J. Robert Finley, Sunday School superintendent, lays cornerstone of new education building, Oct. 6, 1940.*



Elder A.A. Cashion,  
construction superintendent, and Rev. Watt  
M. Cooper, on top of  
the spire platform,  
December 1948.



The spire is lifted into place.



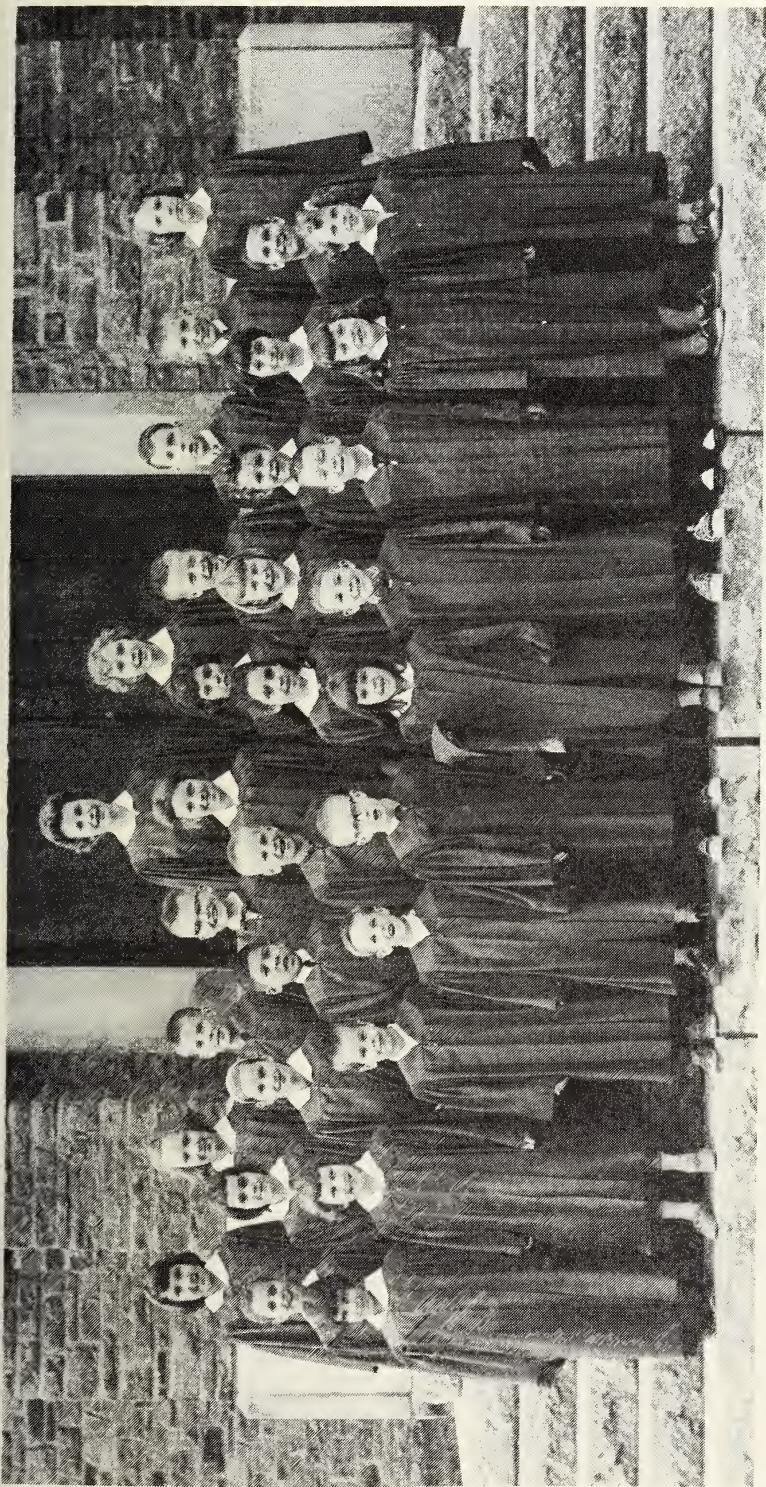
*Fifties social, the bunny hop! Left to right, Mary L. Clements, Dot Lewis, Eloise Gilreath, Mary Jo Faw, C.C. Faw, Lib Finley, Ed Finley, Pat Williams Jr., Gordon Ogilvie.*



*Young people's group, the early forties. Left to right, Ruth McNeil, Pat M. Williams Sr., advisor; Barbara Ogilvie, Daphne Gibson, Joe Clements, unknown, Bob McCoy, Peggy Finley, Mary Elmore Finley, Bucky Faw, Donald McDiarmid, Clate Miller (front), Mike Williams, Carl Gwyn Coffey, Wesley York, Thomas Nelson, Neil Cashion and Charles Eddinger.*



*The Watt Coopers, he in naval uniform, World War II.*



Children's Choir, 1961-62; first row (*l to r*), Toni Bynum, Gail Walker, Mike Gwyn, Ro Yale, Johnny McElvee, Zandra K. Bumgarner, Ted Edgerton, Bill Brooks, Elaine Fields and Vicki Garrett; second row: Anne Heath Finley, Rosalyn Gwyn, Jenny Lou Piper, Gene Tashiro, Carl Yale, Debbie Brooks, Margi Lewis, Teresa Bumgarner, Terry Hall and Robert Hardin; third row: Mary Martha Vickery, Patsy Ford, Wayne Marsh, Claude Faw III, Pat Bumgarner, Joni Bynum, Robbie Lewis, Jimmy Clements, Charles Sink and Brenda Holt; fourth row: Mary Louise Clements, director of music, and Karolen Church, accompanist.



Ruth Ford, Isabella Gibbs, Pat Lewis and the three-and-four-year-olds at Bible School 1967.



The 1968 picnic at Doughton Park.



Mary Cooper, Doris Berry and Hilda Holder teach crafts to Eric Johnston, Sam Ogilvie and Allen Finley of the Primary Department, Bible School 1967.



Carolina Finley helps Juniors, Bible School 1967.



*David Myers serenades Karen Hall while observed by (l to r) Phyllis Thompson, Anne Hartley, Julie Berry and Rebecca Simpson in a program during the Seventies.*



*Billy West narrates, Mary Louise Clements plays the piano, and (l to r) David Myers, Phyllis Thompson, Anne Hartley, Caroline Hubbard and Julie Berry wait their turns.*



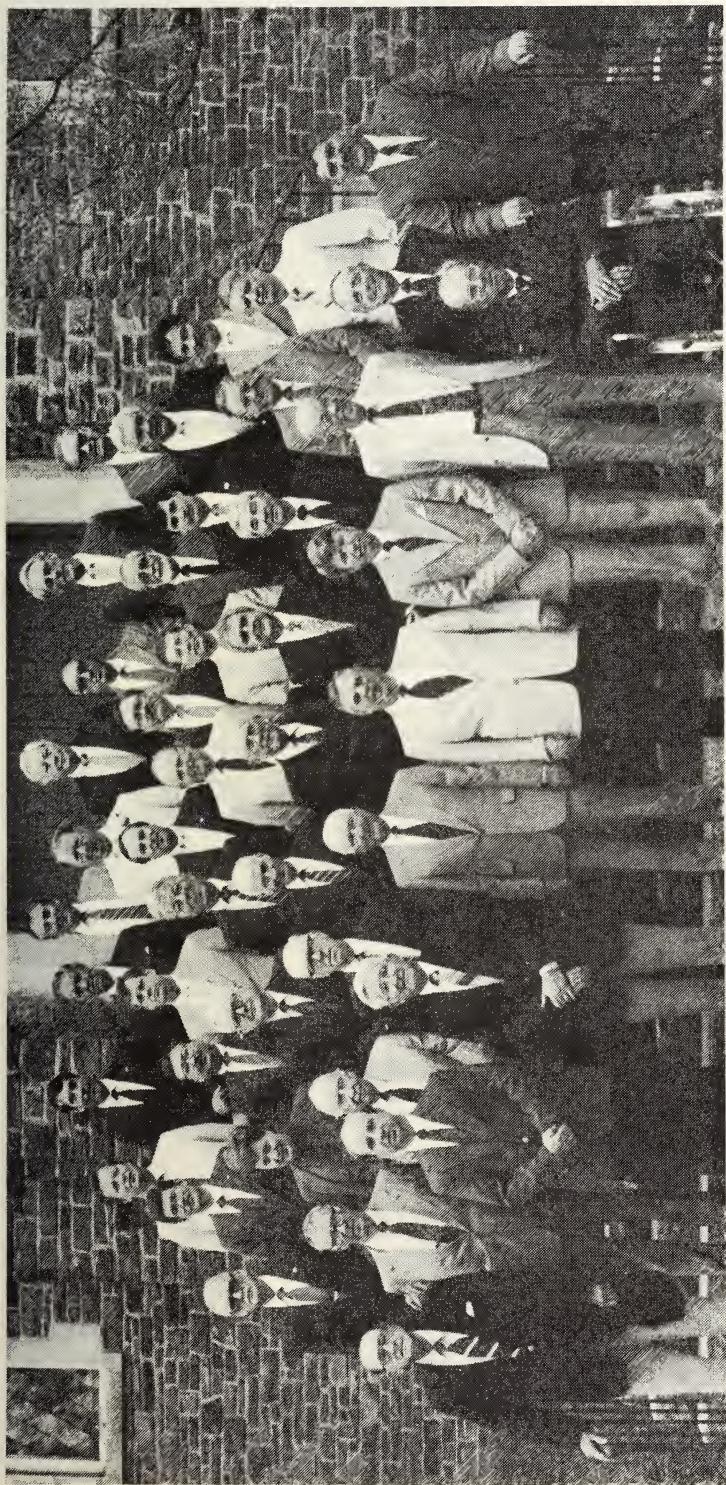
*The 50th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 336 is celebrated by Scouters Sam Vickery, Leonard Brooks, Blair Gwyn, Gordon Finley, Col. Roy Forehand and Neil Cashion Sr. in 1981.*



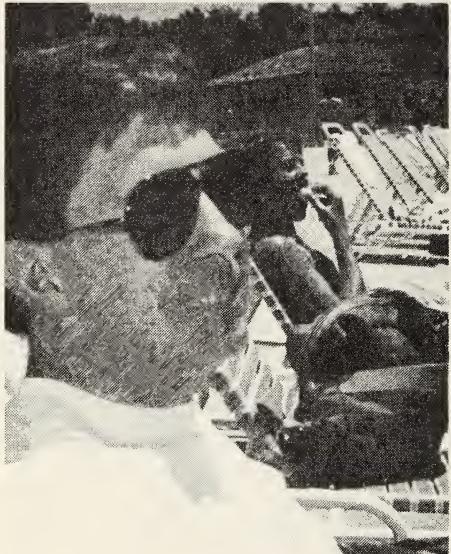
*Jacqueline D. Hall, Director of Christian Education.*



*Sarah Dixon, missionary to Mexico.*



*Men's Bible Class in the late 1980's: first row (l to r). Rich Finley, Dr. Bobby Taylor, Clay Bauguss and Sam Ogilvie; second row, Blair Gwyn, Bill McElwee, Parks Church, Ralph Buchan, Bob McElwee, Bill McCachren and Harry Galifianakis; third row, Roy Forehand, John McElwee, Bill Richardson, Robert Meade, Link Spainhour, David Bauguss, C.C. Faw, Perry Snipes and Bob Berry; fourth row, Bill Hurd, Gaither Keener, Tom Ogburn, Walter Hobson, Bob Thompson, Stan Wright and Mike McNeil; fifth row: Bob Beeson, Bryan Goad, Neil Cashion Jr., Ben Barr, Sam Vickery and Bill Underwood; sixth row, Rob Evans, Ted Hall, Jim Bouchelle, Seth Mason and Chalmers Boyd; seventh row, Bob Powell, Bill Johnston and Frank Hartley.*



*Rev. Stevan Snipes, associate pastor, and  
Greg Bauguess at Emerald Point, 1988.*



*Rob Evans shares Elizabeth Finley's spe-  
cial day as she is honored for long service  
as Sunday School recording secretary in  
1988.*



*Dedication of Finley Fellowship Hall, August 1988.*



*Bobbie Snipes, Daisy Myers and Hilda Holder, nursery care specialists, are honored.*



*Marcella Church, Christine McManus and Becky Hubbard, 1993.*



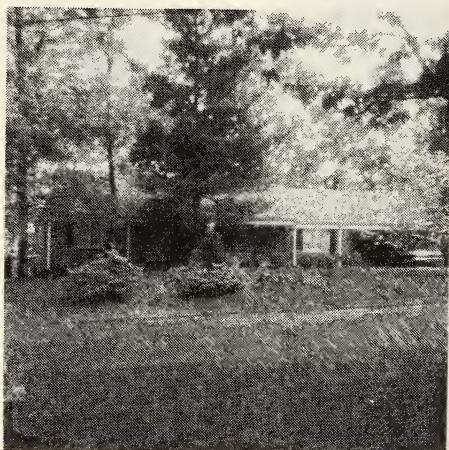
*Presbyterian Chefs: Theo Holder, Clay Bauguss, Leonard Brooks and Robert Meade.*



Ashli Craft, Alan Kerley and Richard McNeil represented Salem Presbytery at the 1992 Youth Triennium at Purdue University.



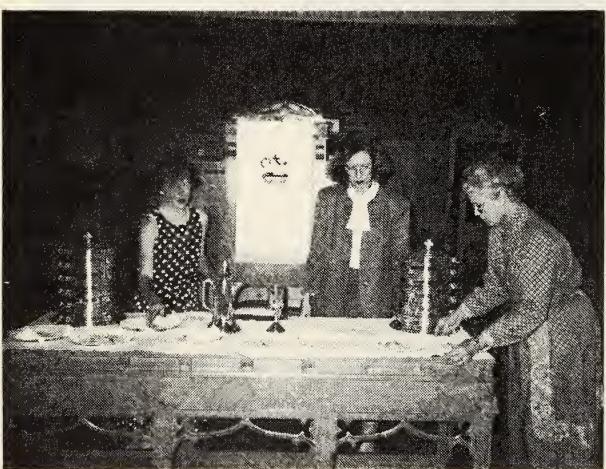
Hilda Kendrick's generosity is acknowledged at Kirk Night, 1992.



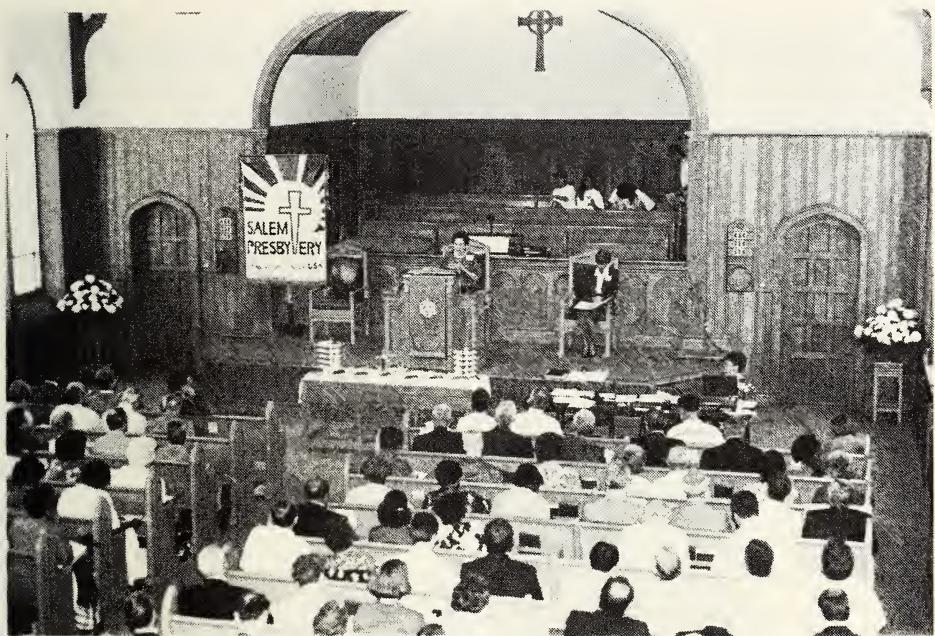
Beth Barksdale in front of the Manse, 314 Finley Street, in 1971.



Richard McNeil, Rob Rhyne, Adam Kerley and Alan Kerley at Emerald Point, 1988.



Erin Musson, Karolen Bowman and Betty Thompson set the Communion Table for Easter Sunday worship service, 1993.



*Our church hosts the summer meeting of Salem Presbytery, July 18, 1992.*



*The Vanguard Class on Easter, March 26, 1989.  
Front row, left to right: Ruth Ford, Emma Buchan;  
second row: Doug McElwee, Grace McIver, Isabella  
Gibbs, Annie Winkler; third row: Dulce Kite, Elaine  
McCord; fourth row: Mary Lena Richardson, Mar-  
garet Steele, Brattie Gregory, Cecile Meade, and Mae  
Bauguss; fifth row: Nancy Church, Mildred Brooks,  
Eugenia Ogilvie, Frances Hall and Lula Payne.*



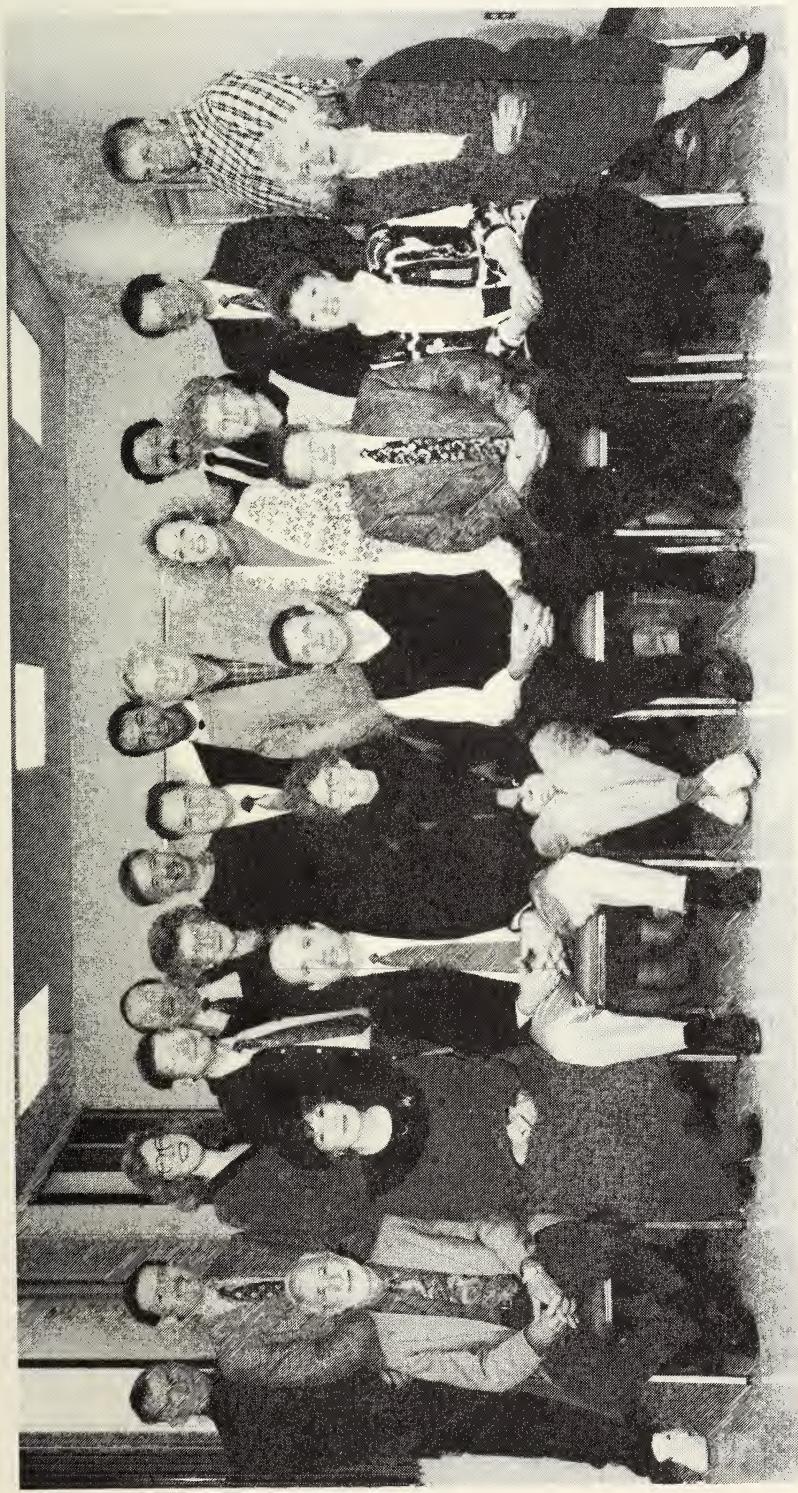
*Edye Williamson, DCE, with  
Tyler Brooks and Wesley  
Cogdill, 1993.*



*Chancel Choir, 1992. Front row (l to r): Jessie Rhoades, Nellie Hobson, Irma Ogilvie, Mary Louise Clements, Emily Strader, Ruth McCachren and Mary Elmore Finley; second row: Jackie Hall, Lavinia Evans, Carolina Finley, Betty Thompson, Ellen Lipscomb, Ami Hill and Sue Barr; third row: Gordon Finley, Bob Thompson, Richard Collier, Bob Hill, Al Stanley, Cotton Hobson and Ed Gregory.*



*Church Staff, 1992. (l to r), Mae Shatley, Secretary; Edye Williamson, Director of Christian Education; Dr. Robert C. Evans III, Pastor; Mary Louise Clements, Director of Music; Dudley Waugh, Sexton; and Kay F. Myers, Director of Weekday School.*



The Session, 1992. Front row (l to r): Sam Vickery, Joanne Beeson, Dr. Bobby Taylor, Donna McNeil, Gary Cogdill, Jim Worley, Ellen Lipscomb, and Becky Piper; back row: Gordon Finley, Geoffrey Pagett, Dr. Karolen Bowman, Bob C. Thompson, Gerald Lankford, Rebecca Hubbard, Bob Hill, Charles Klein, Dr. Robert Evans (ex officio), Perry S. Snipes, Lavinia Evans, Richard Collier, Nellie Hobson, William Watts and Syd Spainhour.



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1975

1975 began with the usual hopes and resolutions for a brand new year in our church. We were privileged to be led again by our pastor, the Reverend James P. Barksdale, and the same able staff as last year.

Our Joy Gift total for 1974 was \$455.03.

In the January issue of "The Daisy Chain," a Girl Scout publication, there was an article by Senior Girl Scouts of North Wilkesboro, Troop 127, honoring their leader, Mrs. R. S. Gibbs. The girls said that "Gibbie," as she is affectionately known, has helped their troop by showing them how to serve their community and become good citizens.

Concord Presbytery Workshop for Sessional Clerks and Church Treasurers was held January 15th at our church.

Sixteen senior high students and four advisors went to Glade Valley School on January 19th to lead a worship service.

A banner workshop was begun on January 30th and continued for several weeks to make banners for use in the sanctuary. The banners depict the great themes of Christianity.

Net communicants on the roll at the beginning of 1975 was 521. We lost three to death, dismissed eleven, and gained thirty-one. The grand total of all contributions was \$81,166.00; to benevolences was \$24,661.00.

Jim Barksdale was the moderator at First Presbyterian Church in Statesville at a two-day meeting of Concord Presbytery. Sam Vickery, ruling elder delegate, also attended.

For the pulpit exchange in the Wilkesboros this year, Mr. Barksdale went to First Baptist in North Wilkesboro, and the Rev. John Christy preached for us. This was sponsored by the Wilkes Ministerial Association.

The Session made the following appointments for 1975: Worship: H. M. Parker, Jr., chmn.; Commitment: John Robert Church, chmn.; Witness: Perry Snipes, chmn.; congregational care: Sam Ogilvie, chmn.; Church Staff: Paul Cashion, chmn.; Christian Education: Sam Vickery, chmn.; Weekday School: Catherine Wilson, chmn.

Diaconate committees were established as follows: Stewardship: Bob Thompson, chmn.; Church Property: Bob Powell, chmn.; Fellowship: Harry Page, chmn.; Service: Lib Finley, chmn.; Finance and Budget: Arnold Simpson, chmn.

Mr. Barksdale attended a legislative seminar in Washington, D.C. for two days in February and then went to Richmond to study under Dr. John Leith for six days.

Seniors attended the World Missions Youth Rally at First Presbyterian Church in Statesville in February. Group leaders were missionaries from eight countries.

We had as our guest speaker at a covered dish supper for witness season Dr. Cora Wayland, a missionary to Korea.

Communicants classes began in March for youth who wanted to become members of our church; they were received into the congregation in April.

Services for World Day of Prayer were held at our church on March 7th. The theme was "Become Perfectly One."

Our Holy Week schedule was very full. A community worship service was held on Palm Sunday at First Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Bob Young of Duke University. Special music was by Eric Jennings. We held Maundy Thursday Communion service at our church. On Friday we had a vespers service with a dramatic look at the crucifixion and special music. On Sunday morning was our annual men's breakfast; at ten o'clock a special Easter celebration for children and youth; and at eleven o'clock our worship service with special music. Our special thanks to all who helped: Becky West, Perry Snipes and the Pioneers, Bobbie and Bob Berry for making the cross, Mary Louise Clements and the choir, Bobbie Teague and Chuck Myers for their music, Phyllis Thompson, who helped us worship through dance; the Men's Bible Class for the delicious breakfast; and Robert Meade for replacing all those worn-out tables with formica.

New members and forty-year-plus members were honored at a covered dish supper in April. Everyone was asked to bring old photographs and music popular in his or her day. Miss Ellen Robinson, daughter of the Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of this church for 43 years, was honored as the oldest continuing member.

W. C. Grier was appointed by the Session to assist the pastor in visiting, with special attention to the sick, bereaved, and home-bound.

An extensive Bible study on Exodus, sponsored by the Women of the Church, was taught by H. M. Parker, Jr.

In June we held a Family Hobby exhibit, and in July an ice cream social at Smoot Park, sponsored by the fellowship committee.

Jackie Hall, our DCE, served on the staff of the North Carolina Christian Leadership Conference at Montreat. She also served as a leader in a teaching skill workshop sponsored by Mecklenburg Presbytery in August.

Stevan A. Snipes, a son of this congregation, has entered Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., to prepare for the Christian ministry.

In May, the Women of the Church held a birthday tea in the church library. In June there was a churchwide cookout at Smoot Park.

Mr. Barksdale studied at Union Theological Seminary in July. Supply pastors were the Rev. Watt Cooper, former minister of our church, Dr. Albert Edwards, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, H. M. Parker, Jr., chmn., worship committee, and Steve Snipes.

Six senior high youths attended the General Assembly's Youth Conference at Montreat in August. Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCachren accompanied the group.

A family retreat was held at Camp Susan Barbour Jones in August. Mr. Barksdale led the worship service. In his absence, Dr. Max E. Polley, professor of religion at Davidson College, conducted the worship service at the church.

North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church kindergarten began another year with full enrollment under the able direction of Kay Myers.

The annual church picnic at Doughton Park was enjoyed by all in September.

Those who rotated out of the Christian education ministry of the church were Harry Page, Gordon Ogilvie, Ruth Ford, Debbie and Tim Davis, Betty Powell, Nancy Simpson, Bob Thompson, Larry Hall, Peggy and Lannie Wiles, Robbie Lewis, and Hilda Holder.

A new communion cloth was presented to the church by one of the circles in loving memory of Jan Johnson, who, with her daughter, Stacy, was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Her Sunday School class donated a silver tray in her memory.

The congregational care committee sponsored a visitation effort in November. Half of the congregation was to remain at home while the other half visited. This method of getting to know each other better proved to be very enjoyable.

The church was named in the Louise Vyne Bailey will to receive the annual interest from a trust fund set up by her father and her. An ad hoc committee was appointed, consisting of Sam Vickery, Sam Ogilvie and Frank Hartley, to decide how this should be used.

A hearty thank you was expressed to Robert Meade and Theodore Holder for building a beautiful bookcase for the pastor's study.

A scholarship for students pursuing an education in music was established by the North Wilkesboro Musical Arts Club in honor of Miss Ellen Robinson, who was its first president.

Ruling elders began assisting in morning worship. Their participation involves leading the Prayer of Confession and the Declaration of Pardon.

Newly-elected Session members are as follows: Gordon Finley, Jr., Ted M. Hall, Dorothy Lewis, Harry Page, and Bob Thompson. New deacons are Clay Bauguss, Blair Gwyn, James Knox, Bill McCachren, Betty Thompson, Edward Finley, Roy Forehand, T. R. Johnson, Alvin Searcy and Roberta Marsh.

We were asked to share in the church's ministry to community needy during the Christmas season by bringing food and toys to be placed under the tree. By including those less fortunate in our Christmas plans, we serve Christ, whose birth we celebrate.

A churchwide Christmas program was held on December 7th. The theme was "Christmas Is What You Make It," and one hundred members took part in making gifts for our own elderly and ill, and for nursing home residents.

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Mary Louise Clements, presented a beautiful cantata, "God's Son Is Born," on December 21st. The Christmas Eve service, always very meaningful in the life of the congregation, was held with a full house in attendance.

In 1975 Jim Goodloe, a pre-ministerial student at Davidson College, served part-time as minister at Wilkesboro Chapel. When he left, another student, Jim Knights, replaced him.

At the end of 1975 there were 518 members, including twenty-one at Wilkesboro Chapel. Nine members were received through the communicants class. They were William Eric Johnston, Douglas Hatton Ford, Elicia Renee Byrd, Margaret Tate Ogilvie, Martha Campbell Ogilvie, John Charles Summers, Steven Lloyd Johnson, Diana Ruth Brown, and Charles Noble Hubbard. We welcomed six other new members: Marcella Church from First United Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti, MI; Steve and Barbara Hayes from First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro; Jim Knights from Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Nicholas and Debbie Bennett from Wilkesboro Methodist Church.

We lost four members by death. Jan Johnson and her daughter, Stacy, were killed in an automobile accident on May 4th. Jan was a dedicated, vibrant young wife and mother, active in all phases of the church. Charles Sink, Sr., died suddenly on May 12th. Clyde Clements, one of the oldest members in length of service, died on November 3rd. Mrs. Clements established the first kindergarten in North Wilkesboro and was known for her love and work with children, devotion to her family, her friends, and her church.

The following were dismissed, with regret, to other churches: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Syd Spainhour, Margaret Taylor McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Piper, Naola Wineland, Elizabeth McElwee Cannon, William V. Meade, Todd Meade, Edward S. Finley, Jr., Lois Dorman, and Jim Knights.

We had two non-resident babies born: Kelly Ann, to John and Betsy Kite O'Neill in August, and Angela Michelle to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert (Debbie Brooks) in December.

The following were married by Mr. Barksdale in the church sanctuary: Rosalyn Ann Gwyn to Peter David Schmidt on May 17th; Margaret Lewis to Charles Douglas Turner on June 7th; Mary Martha Vickery to William Samuel Smoak on August 16th; Victoria Marie Garrett to Norman Paul Kaneklides on June 21st. Married elsewhere were Henry Church to Lynn Caldwell on February 15th; and Frank Benson Marsh to Barbara Ann Morton on October 11th.

Troop 336 Boy Scouts, led by Roy Forehand and Howard Blackburn and sponsored by the Men's Bible Class, had another outstanding year and received many awards. Scoutmaster Roy Forehand was the 1975 recipient of the VFW Woodbadge Training Scholarship for the Southeastern Region. He was also presented with a bronze statue of an Eagle Scout by parents, in appreciation of his services to scouting.

The Church School, under the direction of our DCE, Jackie Hall, and the chairman of the Christian Education committee, Sam Vickery, had another very successful year. As of August 31st, enrollment was 265, including Wilkesboro Chapel. Mike Brown was superintendent, Harry Galifianakis, assistant superintendent; Jim Knox, general secretary, and Elizabeth C. Finley, secretary. An article on our learning centers, written by our teachers and staff, appeared in Share, and, as a result, 50 copies of our detailed plans have been furnished to other churches requesting them.

Our Weekday School program, under the leadership of Kay Myers, director, continues with excellent enrollment and attendance. This is the oldest kindergarten program in the community. Daisy Myers and Hilda Holder have helped Kay immensely with her program. Mothers Day Out has also been a big help to young mothers.

A complete list of the Women of the Church follows: president, Doris Berry; 1st vice president, Eloise Wells; 2nd vice president, Nancy Simpson; secretary, Betty Thompson; treasurer, Grace McIver; historian, Catherine Wilson; personal faith and family life, Elaine McCord; Christian community action, Becky Hubbard; ecumenical missions and relations, Lola Knox; leadership and resources, Dorothy Lewis; social, Mozelle Spainhour; nursery, Bobbie Snipes; friends of the seminary, Douglas McElwee; flowers, Elizabeth Gaither; circle chairmen, Martha Searcy, Dorothy Johnston, Lib Finley, Marcella Church, Barbara Gregory, Louise Vickery, and Mary Elmore Finley.

Under the leadership of Doris Berry, the women responded well to opportunities for Christian growth. The total Women of the Church pledge was \$1,527.00. The Birthday Offering amounted to \$390.00. The Women of the Church were represented at Presbytery in Salisbury by Doris Berry, Grace McIver, Douglas McElwee, Catherine Wilson, and Betty Thompson.

Our college graduates in 1975 were Bill Brooks, Lenoir Rhyne; Ted Edgerton, Guilford; Rosalyn Gwyn, Mary Baldwin; Claude Faw, UNC-Chapel Hill; Patsy Ford, Appalachian State; Bill Gwyn, MEA from Wake Forest; Myra McCachren, Meredith; Mary Griffith, Averett; and Ann Heath Finley, UNC-Chapel Hill.

High school graduates were David Brooks, Debbie Christenbury, Keith Garrett, Cathy Johnston, Rosemary Marsh, Angela Ogilvie, Susan Powell, Karen Knox, and Bill McCachren.

## 1976

On January 4th we gathered together on the Lord's day to ask His blessing. This was our first Sunday in the New Year 1976 in a growing, thriving church.

Since January, February, and March are Witness Season months, our first Sunday speaker in January was Sara Dixon. Sara has been our PCUS Missionary in Mexico for the past 25 years, except for a short period of time spent in Santiago, Chile, and Lima, Peru. "All things are to the glory of God," Sara says. When she was a member of our church she lived with the Robert S. Gibbs family. She attended several colleges and completed her training in Richmond, Va. She is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church and the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. She works with church leaders throughout Latin America learning to use the New Latin American Evangelical Christian Education materials called "New Life in Christ."

New elders installed were: Gordon Finley, Jr., Ted Hall, Dorothy Lewis, Bob C. Thompson, Harry Page. New deacons installed were: Blair Gwyn, Jim Knox, Bill McCachren, Betty Thompson, Edward Finley, Roberta Marsh, Roy Forehand, R.T. Johnson and Al Searcy.

A picture, "The Good Shepherd," was placed in the three and four year old weekday room (church lounge) in memory of Mrs. Clyde Clements.

The Fellowship committee sponsored a family night supper, "Right In Our Own Back Yard" with special guest speaker, the Rev. John David Stewart, Burnsville, and special emphasis was placed on Home Missions.

The Concord Presbytery met January 30th and 31st at Concord Presbyterian Church, Statesville. Rev. Barksdale was elected Commissioner to The General Assembly which will meet in June at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Blair Gwyn has been elected to the Evaluation Goals Committee, Class of 1977. Rev. Barksdale will be away studying at Union Seminary where he will be a Tower Scholar from February 9th through the 22nd.

Our annual report on members on roll showed that we had 521 last year; adding two by profession of faith, seven by reaffirmation and six by certificate, so we had fifteen total gains during the year. We lost four by death, dismissed ten to other churches, four were put on the inactive list. So, the net communicants on roll at the end of the year, 1975 was 518.

We were proud to receive a portrait of Rev. Watt M. Cooper, former pastor. It is now hanging in the Ladies Parlor (later to become the library) and the portrait "looks just like him."

The women of the church sponsored church-wide intensive Bible study on "The Acts Of The Apostles" March 7th with our pastor, Rev. Jim Barksdale, as teacher. A snack supper was provided.

The Service committee asked the congregation to designate one week each quarter as Share Week, during which we were to bring staple foods, canned goods, flour, sugar, etc., to the fellowship hall where it would be taken to WCCCM for distribution to the needy. During the thirty days ending February 14th, the following were helped by the above organization: 398 received clothing, 31 emergency food supplies, 120 other families were given small amounts of food and "burned out" families were assisted.

The Rev. Betts Huntley, PCUS Missionary to Korea, spoke to us at a covered dish supper on March 28th. He showed slides and talked to the congregation about his work in Korea.

There are some people who need a special thanks, and sometimes we just take them for granted. We forget to say we appreciate them, so a big "Thank You" to those who keep the nursery and kindergarten during the morning worship services. A lot of young people help the adults and their willingness to serve their church in this way is greatly appreciated.

The Session cut several items from the church budget in order to balance the budget. They have authorized a "Matthew 25" offering to be taken on Maundy Thursday Communion Night and Christmas Eve Communion Evening to be used for emergency needs in our own community.

Sacrament was served on Maundy Thursday. By pews people came to the table by way of the outside aisle, returning to their seat by the center aisle, after being greeted by the pastor by passing the "Peace." This has become so meaningful to this congregation. The minister

says, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the congregation responds by saying, "and with you." This is also done at the Christmas Eve service.

Women of the church held their meeting on April 20th with emphasis on "Christian Education." Dr. George Jackson, president of Glade Valley School, attending with four students and three teachers, made brief remarks about the school and had special music. On May 25th Sara Dixon, our missionary to Mexico, spoke to all youth and adult classes of Sunday School on her work in Mexico, especially the curriculum she has helped to write.

Rev. Barksdale was asked to serve as Chairman of the Standard Committee on Church Policy at the Assembly Meeting June 11th-19th. Women of the Church Annual Birthday Party was on May 16th. Dr. David Burr was our speaker at the church wide covered dish supper. We were given the opportunity to give to the special birthday offering, which went to three special projects - Bangladesh Health Care Center, helping Indian youths at Goodland's Presbyterian Children's Home in Hugo, OK., and to the elderly mountain people in eastern Kentucky.

Our church purchased a fifteen passenger van for use by the congregation. It is hoped that many different groups will use it often.

Our graduates from high school were: Bob Berry, Jr., Neal Brown, Kim Hudson, Helen Justin, and Kate Ogilvie. From college we had Larry Christenbury, Perry Snipes, Cathy Shaw Snipes, from Appalachian State; Ted Edgerton, Guilford; Craig & Teresa Bennett from UNC-Chapel Hill; John McEwie from Lenoir-Rhyne; and Margaret Lewis Turner from UNC-Greensboro.

While Rev. Barksdale was attending General Assembly from Concord Presbytery we had as guest minister, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, former minister here. The Coopers are retired and living in Graham.

The session re-evaluated our entire weekday school program and decided as follows: (1) Five day program for 4-year-olds-Kay Myers, teacher; Daisy Myers, helper. (2) Three day program for 3-year-olds-Nancy Cardwell, teacher; Hilda Holder, helper. (3) Two day program for 3-year-olds-teacher same as above.

Dr. Robert E. Lewis, a member of our congregation, was the guest speaker on a Sunday in July. His sermon topic was "A Matter Of Faith."

Several of our young people attended the General Assembly Youth Conference at Montreal for a week. Those going were: Ann Hartley, David Myers, Matt McCachren, Gordon Ogilvie, Jr., Sam Ogilvie, Jr., Glenn Simpson, Rebecca Simpson and Phyllis Thompson.

Dr. John Gibbs, Presbyterian minister, son of our congregation and of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbs, preached for us August 22nd. He has had various articles published, is listed in many "Who's Who" References, and is now Associate Professor Of Humanities at Morehead State College. He is the first son of this congregation to be a guest speaker in six years. His sermon topic was "God's Kind Of Peace."

Girl Scout Troop #127 had a busy summer engaged in community work, such as the Bloodmobile and other Red Cross projects. They were led by Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Isabella Gibbs and Mrs. Paul Brooks. They are excellent representatives of our church at work in the community.

We were asked to help the Wilkes County Cooperative Ministry Service Organization, sponsored by churches of the county, by volunteering time to help process clothing, donate staple food items, donate clean clothing in good repair, give money to help with operating expenses. Sam Ogilvie and Doris Berry are representatives to be contacted.

The Women of the Church had a salad luncheon on October 19th with guests, Don Abernathy from WCCCM and Tony Fortune from Grandfather Home For Children. As the year ends in September, a brief report is in order to describe what Women of the Church and the circles have done. WOC is a formal organization that channels energies and interest of the women into worship, study and service. This year \$1,620.00 Birthday Offering was sent to Mission projects: \$900.80 for other benevolences (Barium Springs, Grandfather Home For Children, Glade Valley, for local assistance, aid to Guatemala, gifts to college students, etc.). They also worked at WCCCM, prepared youth suppers, prepared sewing and health kits for Church World Service, prepared meals for all who lost loved ones, and many other acts of

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love and service. The group engaged in Bible study on Hosea each month and also had some guest speakers.

New officers for the year 1976-1977 of Women of the Church: President, Doris Berry; 1st Vice-President, Eloise Wells; 2nd Vice-President, Nancy Simpson; Secretary, Roberta Marsh; Treasurer, Lib Finley; Historian, Mary Elmore Finley; Christian Community Action, Marcella Church; Leadership & Resources, Douglas McElwee; Personal Faith & Family Life, Vania Forehand; Ecumenical Missions & Relations, Louise Vickery; Circle Chairmen, Elaine McCord, Catherine Holt, Mozelle Spainhour, Margaret Steele, Sally Blaine and Lois Stout.

Many activities went on in December. The Joy Gift Offering, Matthew 25 Offering and Christmas Eve service, gifts from our children to those less fortunate, Children and Youth Choir program on Dec. 15th, Couples Club Christmas party and caroling, Christmas cantata by chancel choir, Senior High Christmas caroling and party, chancel choir party, family night supper and Christmas program, Dec. 19th, Christmas Eve Communion service, Dec. 24th, church family breakfast for college students on Dec. 26th.

Scout activity for Troop #336, Roy Forehand Scoutmaster: At Court of Honor on March 14th, Allen Gordon Finley, III, Charles N. Hubbard and David Myers received the Eagle Scout Award. Eric Johnston received the Gold Palm to Eagle Award. Troop #336 won the top score for Pioneering Division at the Scout-O-Rama in Winston-Salem.

New members received during the year were: Mr. & Mrs. B.C. Blaine from Covenant Presbyterian, Charlotte; Mrs. Robert B. Taylor, from First Baptist, North Wilkesboro; Marolyn Brooks from First Presbyterian, Spencer; Mrs. Ralph Marler, First Presbyterian, Winston-Salem; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Holt and Mr. Rick Holt, from Germantown Presbyterian, Germantown, Pa.; Mrs. Henry C. Landon, III from Bethesda United Methodist, Preston, Md.; Donald A. Belt from Morgan Memorial Baptist, Greenville, SC; Mrs. Sue Broach, Ardmore Methodist, Winston-Salem; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Frederick Horne, Smitty Horne, Thomas Smith Horne, Dixon Smith Horne, Margaret Smith Horne, and James Smith Horne from Quaker Memorial Presbyterian, Lynchburg, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. Sibley from First Presbyterian, Boonton, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Barr from Houseatonic Meeting Religion Society of Friends, New Mulford, Ct.; Mr. & Mrs. J. Carson Burns, Martha Burns, Knox Presbyterian, Shelby; Sandra Ording, Helen Sisk Landon, Henry Clay Landon, IV, James P. Barksdale, III, Katherine Ferguson Finley, Janice Lynn Hartley, James Spencer Knox, John Charles Myers, Daniel Carter Ogburn, Pamela Lee Page, Kimberly Searcy, Barbara Thompson, all by Profession of Faith.

Dismissed to other churches were: Mrs. Edgar Roberson, Debbie & Donnie Roberson, Mrs. William Brame, Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Mainwaring, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Spainhour, Terry Pruitt, William S. Clements, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Caldwell, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Powell, Thomas Finley Nelson.

Through death we lost one member: Mr. Joseph Frederick Horne on December 5th.

Marriages were: Charles S. Sink, III to Janet Johnson on June 12th at St. Paul's Episcopal; James Kinnaird Ford, Jr. to Lorraine Day Jacobs on August 13th in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Larry Payne to Debbie Lynn Street on August 28th at Oak Ridge Baptist.

## 1977

We started our first Sunday in January with Holy Communion. What better way to start 1977 than by remembering our Lord's great sacrifice: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

Our Witness Season began in January with the General Assembly's goal for \$1,000,000. A suggestion was made that we could designate mission gifts in honor of a friend or relative. Due to financial conditions Presbyterians had a much reduced Missionary Fund last year.

We acquired for use in Bible studies, "The Daily Study Bible Series" by William Barclay. We now have fifteen volumes in our church library and these should be of much help to all church members.

Appreciation was expressed to Frank Hartley who served as church treasurer for the past five years. He had been faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and is a worthy example to us all.

Rev. Barksdale attended Sprunt Lectures at Union Seminary in Richmond during the first week in February. Rev. John Handley was our guest minister while he was away.

On Pulpit Exchange Sunday, Rev. James Gibbs and Rev. Steven Rainey from First United Methodist Church in N. Wilkesboro, were our preachers. Rev. Barksdale was at the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The session voted to participate in the Love Loaf Program. This is a cooperative effort between our church and World Vision International, a non-profit interdenominational evangelical agency that ministers to physical and spiritual needs of people throughout the world in the name of Jesus. Our participation will support the Emergency Relief Ministry of World Vision and Presbyterian church efforts to alleviate world hunger.

Girl Scout Sunday was the 65th Birthday of U.S. Girl Scouts. We are proud of our Troop #127 which consists of 22 girls and 5 leaders. They have given over 700 hours to various service projects. Troop Advisor is Mrs. Robert (Isabella) Gibbs, and she is assisted by Jenny Foster, Becky Pennell and Isabella Gibbs.

The Diaconate, and the chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee expressed deep gratitude to those who gave so much of their time to renovating the basement floor and the fellowship hall. This painting was urgently needed and by doing it ourselves, we saved the church many hundreds of dollars. There was fun, fellowship, and dessert every night. Thanks also was given to the women of the church who gave the curtains.

The following people participated in some way: Mozelle Spainhour, Frank Hartley, Louise and Sam Vickery, Roberta Marsh, Dot and Bob Lewis, Clay Baugess, Bob Thompson, Nancy Church, Bob Berry, Bill and Matt McCachren, Syd Spainhour, C.C. Faw, Jr., Harry Galifianakis, Robert Meade, Jim Barksdale, Harry and Jean Page, Parks Church, Grace McIver, Roy Forehand, Lib Finley, Jeanne Marler, Paul Payne, Neil Cashion, Jr., Ted Hall and Gordon Finley. The fellowship committee honored all of the above with a luncheon after worship services on March 27 to honor and thank them, and "show off the ground floor."

On December 31, 1976, communicants totaled 516. This total includes the Wilkesboro Chapel of 21.

Rev. Barksdale attended a Supervisory Skills Development Conference in Austin, Texas at Austin Presbyterian Seminary, certifying him to supervise the student minister who will serve Beulah Presbyterian Church and Wilkesboro Presbyterian Chapel for fifteen months beginning this summer.

Thirty-five of our children were at the church Saturday before Easter to hear the Easter story, dye eggs, and make Easter baskets, which they took to Carolina Rest Home to 41 patients.

May 1st was "Love Loaf Breaking Day." Jesus had only five loaves of bread and two fish. Yet when He broke them, He fed more than 5000 hungry people. \$694.49 in nickels, dimes, quarters, pennies and dollars were broken out of these loaves.

Our D.C.E., Jackie Hall, led the youth section of a basic teaching skills workshop for 12 Presbyterian churches in Kannapolis and Concord on Sunday, May 8th.

The Women of the Church invited the congregation to participate in the 1977 Birthday celebration. A covered dish luncheon with birthday cake for dessert was served after morning worship services. The threefold objective this year is: African People In Emerging Nations, Offenders In Our Prisons, and the Aging In Our Homeland. The offering received went to support these causes.

Joel Cherry, who has completed two years at Austin Theological Seminary, started his internship as student minister of Beulah Presbyterian and Wilkesboro Chapel on June 1st, working under the supervision of Rev. Jim Barksdale. His stipend was paid jointly by our church, Beulah Church, Wilkesboro Chapel and Concord Presbytery.

Stevan Snipes graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. this year.

Our high school graduates this year were: Jennifer Reinhardt, Jeff Sheets, Penny Cashion, Paige Hall, Kay Christenbury, Allen Finley, Meg Horne, Glenn Simpson. Our college graduates were: Landon Alfriend, Randolph-Macon; Karolen Church Bowman-Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Michael Gwyn, N.C. State; Bill McCachren, Lees-McRae; Don Payne, Wayne Community; Mrs. Kathryn Tisdale, Winston-Salem State; Steve Hayes, MBA, Babcock School of Management, Wake Forest; Mrs. Joan Dalrymple, MA, Appalachian State; Debbie Christenbury, Corinne Richardson, and Kim Whitesides were graduates of Wilkes Community College.

We purchased the Reins property (which adjoins the church) for additional class space.

Some of the Senior High Youth Fellowship attending PCUS Youth Conference at Montreat in August were: Karen Hall, Ann Hartley, Jim Horne, David Myers, Gordon Ogilvie, Jr., Sam Ogilvie, Jr., Glenn Simpson, and Phyllis Thompson. Advisors were Carol Hartley and Jackie Hall. Theme: "Heroes & Heroines: Servants or Superstars?"

We had quite a few go to Concord Presbytery Basic Teaching Skills Workshop at Winston-Salem to prepare themselves to teach our children and youth: from Beulah, Lucinda Lomax, Joan Walsh, Lona Waugh; from Wilkesboro Chapel, Judy Shepherd, Blain Shepherd; and from N. Wilkesboro, Marolyn Brooks, Mac Dalrymple, Debbie Davis, Harry Galifianakis, Ellie Griffin, Jackie Hall, Ted Hall, Richard Holt, Cathy McElwee, Syd Spainhour, Jean Page and Linda Whitesides.

On Christian Education Sunday we enjoyed a family night supper for the whole family. The theme was "Who Can Make A Tree Grow?"

Our Annual Church School Report shows an enrollment as of August 28 of 285, and at Wilkesboro Chapel, 12, for a total of 307, an increase of 8 over last year. Those with perfect attendance were: Daisy Myers, Frank Hartley (2 years), and Blair Gwyn.

Our Christian Education Staff for 1977-78: D.C.E., Jackie Hall; Superintendent, Jim Knox; Asst. Supt., Arnold Simpson; General Secretary, Gerald Lankford; Rec. Secretary, Miss Elizabeth C. Finley; Division Chairmen: Linda Lankford, Ellie Griffin, Margie Edgerton; Teachers: Bobbie Snipes, Daisy Myers, Hilda Holder, Jean Page, Barbara Gregory, Cecile Meade, Mike Brown, Cathy McElwee, Linda Whitesides, Harry Galifianakis, Debbie Davis, Neil Cashion, Jr., Sally Blaine, Perry Snipes, Charles Whitesides, Mary Louise Clements, Marolyn Brooks, Mac Dalrymple, Ruth and Bill McCachren, Becky Pennell, Richard Holt, Jackie and Ted Hall, Joanne and Bob Beeson, Syd Spainhour, H.M. Parker, Jr., Rev. James P. Barksdale, Annie Winkler, Jane West; Men's Bible Class, Frank Hartley; president; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Frances Hall; Librarian-Mary Elmore Finley.

New officers of the Women Of The Church were installed on September 20th. Special guest was Mrs. Barbara Dearman of Statesville, Concord Presbytery Women Of The Church president, who installed and brought a special message. We could not possibly express all the thanks and appreciation she deserves to our out-going local President, Doris Berry.

Marcella Church and Vania Forehand attended a workshop at First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, on Sept. 25th. Vania is the local chairman of Personal Faith and Family Life, and Marcella served as instructor to all chairmen at this workshop on Personal Faith and Family Life, and at the three previous sessions at Glade Valley, Hickory and Gastonia.

Special services were held in our church Sunday and Monday, November 20th and 21st, with Dr. William B. Oglesby, Jr., guest minister. He was here for morning and evening

services and also Monday morning where he led a Bible study. Dr. Oglesby is Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Union Theological Seminary.

We were fortunate to have gotten Dr. Oglesby to come as he is much in demand. Philippians came alive to us as we listened to him. The special service was so well received that the Session, upon recommendation of Women of the Church, voted to set aside a time each year for such an opportunity.

Boy Scout Troop #336 continued to win many honors as follows: Cam Finley, Eagle Scout Award; Jack Ogburn, the Bronze Palm to his Eagle; David Myers received Bronze and Gold Palm to his Eagle; Roy Forehand, Robert Gibbs and Sam Vickery from our church received Silver Beaver Awards. Attending Camp Raven Knob from our church were: Jack Ogburn (tapped in Order of the Arrow), Paul Yale, Alan Johnson, Steve Johnson, Matt McCachren, John Myers, Dan Ogburn, Chet Barksdale, Mike Bouchelle, and Doug Ford.

New members welcomed into our church during the year were: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Griffin from First Presbyterian, Rockingham; Thomas W. Tisdale, Royster Memorial Presbyterian, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Thomas Tisdale, Spinning Road Baptist, Dayton, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Syd Spainhour, returned from First Presbyterian, Statesville; David W. House, Myers Park Presbyterian, Charlotte; Mr. & Mrs. Al Stanley, First Baptist, Greenville, S.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Graham Shell, III from First Presbyterian, Roanoke Rapids, and Edgemont Presbyterian, Rocky Mount; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Beeson from First Presbyterian, Fort Walton Beach, Florida and their son Glenn; Mr. John Ragland, First Presbyterian, Martinsville, Va.; Mrs. Myra Ragland, McCable Memorial Baptist, Martinsville, Va.; Joan Dalrymple from Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville; Mr. & Mrs. David Baugess, St. Luke Lutheran, Atlanta, Ga.; by Profession of Faith & Baptism: Jenny Holt, Alan Johnson, Laura Mustian, Stuart Barr, Robin Beeson, Sharon Bouchelle, Michael Bouchelle, Leigh Griffin; Mrs. Henry Church from First Baptist, Wilkesboro; Mr. & Mrs. William Edgar Warrick from Mt. Bethel Presbyterian, Durham; Mr. & Mrs. Walters, First Baptist Church, Elkin; Ellen Rhyne, First Presbyterian, Dallas.

Dismissed to other churches: Victoria Garrett Kaneklides, Betty Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jones, Mrs. Ernest R. Tonski, Mr. and Mrs. John Sloop.

Being a close knit church family, we are saddened when we lose any member. We lost four this year: Dr. Harold Smith on May 16th; Miss Mary Finley on July 15th; Mrs. Aiji Tashiro on December 19th; and Kathy Baugess on December 19th. Kathy, daughter of Mae and Clay Baugess was a special young friend of the congregation who had muscular dystrophy and gave many hours to fund-raising for this crippling disease.

We welcomed two baby girls this year: Erin Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Taylor on August 5th; and Rebecca Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christy Blaine on October 25th.

Our marriages were: Bernice Bare to Rufus Mitchell on Dec. 31st; Karolen Ruth Church to James Thomas Bowman April 23rd in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Paige Louise Parker to Wayne Schraibman in our sanctuary, June 11th, by Rev. Barksdale; Karen Elizabeth Knox to Neil Hayes August 6th in our sanctuary by her grandfather; Annette Myers to Gary Johnson on Sept. 16th; Dorothy Plonk McElwee to Gary Dale Shartzer Nov. 12th in our sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale.

To help celebrate the Advent Season this year, the Christian Education Committee had a special festival to construct Advent wreaths to use at home. The use of the Advent wreath with its special scripture and songs will "help keep us on the right track" despite all the secularization Christmas has suffered.

Our busy Christmas season this year included a Cantata by the Chancel choir, "The Song of Christmas." We added to the joy of this Christmas service by members bringing poinsettias to group in front of the pulpit.

The annual Joy Gift Tea and Offering for Ministerial Relief was held on Dec. 18th for our church's retired servants. The rising cost of living makes this more crucial every year. We also had caroling by different groups, parties, and our Christmas Eve Service at which we always have a full house.

We had 516 on roll as of December 31st and a proposed budget for 1978 of \$92,316.00. \$466.40 was collected for Matthew 25 Offering, \$623.65 Joy Gift, the Thanksgiving Offering amounted to \$635.80 which was divided between Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children, and \$649.49 for the Love Loaf.

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1978

We began the new year, 1978, with the Reverend James P. Barksdale, as our beloved pastor, a staff of dedicated people, a new class of elders and deacons, and a new commitment to God.

January 15th new elders were installed: Edward Finley, Blair Gwyn, Mary Louise Clements, Douglas McElwee, and Michael Brown. The stewardship report budget approved by the Session and Diaconate for 1978 was \$92,316.00.

New committees were completed and are as follows: Christian Education, Frank Hartley, Chmn; Ben Barr, Margery Edgerton, Ellie Griffin, Richard Holt, Jim Knox, Linda Lankford, Judy Shell, and J. Perry Snipes; Congregational Care, Sam Vickery, Chmn; David Baugess, Nancy Church, W.C. Grier, Dot Lewis, Grace McIver, Mary Smith, Virginia Spainhour, Norma Stevenson, Bill Warrick, and Catherine Wilson; Witness, Douglas McElwee, Chmn; Bob and Joanne Beeson, Marcella Church, Gordon Finley, Lib Finley, Mary Frances Galifianakis, Billy McElwee, John and Myra Ragland; Church Staff, Harry Page, Chmn; Leonard Brooks, Gerald Lankford, W.H. McElwee, Jr., Jean Page; Commitment, Sam Ogilvie, Chmn; Carolina Finley, Isabella Gibbs, Florence Gwyn, Bill McCachren, Bobbie Snipes, Billie Stanley, Eloise Wells; WCCCM, Ed S. Finley, Chmn; Weekday School, Michael Brown, Chmn; Martha Barksdale, Sally Blaine, Janet Craft, Jane Ogburn, Leslie Shell; Worship, H.M. Parker, Jr., Chmn; Carson Burns, Pam Christie, Vania Forehand, Lola Knox, Steve Snipes, Mozelle Spainhour, Martha Parker. Clerk, Bob Thompson; Presbytery Attendance, Blair Gwyn; Wilkes Presbytery Ministry, Ted Hall, Chmn; Wilkesboro Chapel, Lewis Nelson, Chmn. Youth Ministries, Mary Louise Clements, Chmn; Dick Griffin, Ruth McCachren, Charlie Sink, Nancy Simpson; Diaconate; Budget & Finance, Jim Knox, Chmn; Ed Gregory, Vice-Chmn; Bob Berry, Christy Blaine, Blair Gwyn; Fellowship, Cathy McElwee, Chmn; Tim Davis, Vice-Chmn, Carolyn Baugess, Henry Church, Debbie Davis, Harry Galifianakis, Ann Hartley, Dixie Horne, Louise Vickery; Ushering, Mac Dalrymple, Chmn; Roy Forehand, Vice-Chmn; Nick Bennett, Lowell Bushong, John R. Church, Jim Ford, David House, Seth Mason; Church Property, Clay Bauguss, Chmn; Gordon Ogilvie, Vice-Chmn; Jim Bouchelle, Parks Church, Bill Johnston, Robert Meade, Paul Sibley; Service, Kay Myers, Chmn; Chuck Myers, Elaine McCord, Martha Warrick; Stewardship, Arnold Simpson, Chmn, Syd Spainhour, Vice-Chmn, Ralph Buchan, Neil Cashion, Jr., Al Stanley, Charles Whitesides, Betty Winslow; Board Chmn, Doug Winslow; Board Co-Chmn, Bill McCachren; Secretary, Betty Thompson.

On Pulpit Exchange Sunday, February 26th, our guest minister was the Rev. Frank McKenzie, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wilkesboro. Rev. Barksdale went to St. Paul's.

During Season Of Christian Witness, a family night supper was held, with reports on some of our mission work from Louise Vickery and Isabella Gibbs. A special report on the PCUS Mission consultation with projected goals for the church for the next ten or fifteen years was given by Rev. Barksdale. We were given the opportunity to find out how our church seeks to follow Christ's command, "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them our disciples."

Our Girl Scout Troop #127 expressed its appreciation to the congregation for all the support over the past years. Through this support the troop is able to serve our community, support an orphan in Taiwan, and prepare girls for national and international opportunities.

On Easter Sunday, March 26th, a "One Great Hour Of Sharing" offering for alleviation of world hunger and human suffering was taken. Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, seemed an appropriate time to be the willing channel of his living spirit of compassion to a suffering and needy world.

Sixty-five young children and adults met on the Saturday before Easter to work around the theme of Easter symbols. Culminating in a joyous balloon celebration on our lawn in

which Easter messages were sent to the whole community. Many arts and crafts were made by the children from age four to grade six.

On April 16th, a church family night supper was held to honor new members for the years 1976, 1977, and 1978, an opportunity for everybody to enjoy a relaxed, informal time in the fellowship of our church.

Personal Faith and Family Life Committee of the Women of the Church had a day of spiritual renewal, meditation and fasting on May 6th at the McElwee mountain home.

The guest minister on April 30th was Rev. James B. McLeod, former pastor of this church (1950-56). After worship services there was an informal luncheon in the fellowship hall. That evening Beulah Presbyterian Church Choir presented a concert of sacred music, with a reception following.

Diaconate members ordained and installed on May 7th were: Christy Blaine, Ed Gregory, Mac Dalrymple, Syd Spainhour, Gordon Ogilvie, Cathy McElwee and Tim Davis.

The Women of the Church celebrated its annual birthday with a covered dish supper on Tuesday, May 16th. The birthday offering this year was to be divided between Mexican-American leaders and ministers, and the St. Columbia Ministries. Marcella Church, Chairman of Christian Community Action, showed a film strip about the two recipients.

On Sunday, May 21st, a service of dedication was held for the new library. We were given the opportunity to purchase books for our own or as memorials to place in the library. Thanks are in order: to the couple who gave the first \$2000 contribution, to all who bought books, and to the library committee: Mary Elmore Finley, Doris Berry, Julie Berry, Grace McIver, and Billie Stanley; to the painters: Bob Berry, Julie Berry, Ted Hall, Frank Hartley, Harry Page; to the builders of the new shelves: Robert Meade and Theodore Holder; and to Matthew Meade, locksmith.

The Women of the Church were given permission by the session to order Bibles for church pews from the American Bible Society in memory of deceased members. At a cost of \$2.45 each, members of the congregation could purchase them in memory of a loved one or friend.

In our Weekday Church School, the program for fall consists of three classes: 4-year-olds for five days a week; 3-year-olds for three days; and 2-year-olds for 1 day a week with Kay Myers, Carolina Finley, teachers; and Daisy Myers and Hilda Holder, helpers.

A College and Career Class (ages 18-30) for single young adults began June 4th with a new Sunday School Class for the summer months. They will also meet on a regular basis for fellowship.

Our graduates this year are: James A. Blevins, Appalachian State; Ellen Ogilvie, Davidson; Ivan Forehand, Lees-McRae; Martha Edgerton, David Sink, Smitty Horne, and Alan Payne, UNC-Chapel Hill; and from high school: Matthew McCachren, Julie Berry, Rick Holt, Caroline Hubbard, Melanie Hudson, Jack Ogburn, Sandra Ording, Cindy Page, Greg Simpson, Charles Summers, Jr., Rebecca West and Bunny Walker (Salem Academy).

The Witness Committee started providing tapes of Sunday morning services beginning June 4th. Anyone may check out any tapes and/or a cassette player for a day, or may use them in the library.

David Myers has been appointed to serve for one year on the Youth Ministry Task Force, which is charged with planning, leadership, training, of a Presbytery Youth Event. David will receive training at Montreat in August.

Special thanks go to the following people who, along with all our boys and girls, made the week of Vacation Bible School such a success, with an average of 70 students and teachers participating: Sharon Bouchelle, Jane Bouchelle, Nancy Church, Bobbie Snipes, Kwang Sun Anderson, Carol Baugess, Joan Dalrymple, Ellie Griffin, Brenda Elledge, Linda Lankford, Judy Shell, Billie Bridges, Ann Ortosky, Virginia Spainhour, Doris Berry, Debbie Davis, Ellen Rhyne, Mary Louise Clements, Martha Burns, Becky Hubbard, Martha Searcy, Chuck Christie, John Stevens, Katie Finley, Martha Ogilvie, Kimberly Searcy, Robin Beeson, Rebecca Simpson, Margaret Ogilvie, Cheryl Christie, Janice Hartley, Beth Stevens, Joanne Beeson, Carolina Finley.

Joel and Maxine Cherry concluded their work at Beulah Presbyterian Church and Wilkesboro Chapel on July 31st. Much spiritual growth and progress occurred under Joel's leadership and he will be missed by both churches and the staff of our church.

Our Director of Christian Education, Jackie Hall, was certified as a Director of Christian Education on July 23rd. She had previously been certified as an Associate. Prior to this certification, Jackie put "new life" into our church and our presbytery.

Every year the last of August we have our church picnic at Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge mountains. It is always a wonderful experience with an abundance of food, relaxation, fun, usually a chilly mountain breeze, and even sometimes raindrops!

In Women of the Church, circles offer a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, service, and Bible study. The new study for 1978-79 is on the Gospel of Mark.

Visitors to our morning worship service are asked to sign a Visitor's Card so that our pastor can call on them if they have no church home and wish to be a part of the body of Christ in this community. We also have a brief fellowship after church each Sunday.

New officers for Women of the Church are: President, Louise Vickery; 1st Vice-President, Grace McIver; 2nd Vice-President, Dorothy Lewis; Secretary, Roberta Marsh; Treasurer, Lib Finley; Historian, Catherine Wilson; Personal Faith & Family Life, Vania Forehand; Christian Community Action, Vi Snyder; Ecumenical Missions & Relations, Doris Berry; Leadership & Resources, Mozelle Spainhour; Circle Leaders: Marcella Church, Mary Smith, Virginia Spainhour, Martha Parker, Mae Bauguss, Dixie Horne, Lois Stout.

Several of our women attended Learning Opportunities Day at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia.

The annual church school report as of August 20, 1978 shows that we have an enrollment of 295, with 11 of these in Wilkesboro Chapel. Howard Meade and Blair Gwyn had perfect attendance this past year.

The new church school staff for 1978-79 is: Superintendent, Arnold Simpson; Asst. Supt., Gerald Lankford; General Sec'y, James Bouchelle; Recording Sec'y., Elizabeth Finley; Pre-school, Eloise Wells; Nursery I, II, Kindergarten, Daisy Myers, Bobbie Snipes, Hilda Holder, Jean Page, Ellie Griffin, Carol Hartley, Gerald Lankford; Youth Division Chairman, Margie Edgerton; Pioneers, Marolyn Brooks, Mac Dalrymple; Sr. High I, Richard Holt; Sr. High II, Syd Spainhour, Ted Hall; Sr. High Fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hall, Betty Thompson; College and Career, Tim Davis; Men's Bible Class, Doug Winslow, Pres.; Covenant Life, Jane West; 3M Class, H.M. Parker, Jr.; Vanguard Class, Annie Winkler; Young Adults, Jim Barksdale; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Claude Hall; Librarian, Mary Elmore Finley.

Visitation suppers were held on Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st this year. Hosts make their homes available so that members of the congregation can get to know each other better.

The Women of the Church sponsored a series of special services on Christian family life on Nov. 12th and 13th. Dr. Julian Lake was our guest speaker. For many years Dr. Lake was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, and is known as one of the leading family counselors in our denomination.

Jacqueline Hall was installed as Director of Christian Education on December 3rd. The Book of Church Order states that in addition to those ordained to office, God calls other church members, both men and women, to perform special professional services in the church.

Activities for December included an International Christmas Festival for our church family, a Joy Gift tea, couples Christmas caroling, special Christmas music, our Christmas Eve Communion Service and a church family luncheon honoring college students.

College students are: Landon Alfriend, Mercer Law School; Glenn Beeson, Clemson; Bob Berry, Jr., N.C. State; Julie Berry, Lenoir-Rhyne; Bill Brooks, Wake Forest Law School; David Brooks, Appalachian State; David Brown, UNC at Charlotte; Martha Edgerton, Emory Univ. Grad. school; Ivan Forehand, N. C. State; Allan Finley, Central Piedmont Comm. College; Keith Garrett, Clemson; William B. Gwyn, Jr., Wake Forest Grad. School; Paige Hall, Davidson; Karen Knox Hayes, UNC School of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill; Richard Holt, Jr., Appalachian State; Margaret Horne, Queens; Thomas Horne, UNC at Chapel Hill; Caroline Hubbard, UNC at Chapel Hill; John Hubbard, Jr., W.C.C.; Kim

Hudson, Guilford; Melanie Hudson, W.C.C.; Cathy Johnston, N.C. State; Charles Justin, Guilford; Bill McCachren, Mars Hill; Matt McCachren, W.C.C.; John McElwee, Wake Forest Law School; Rosemary Marsh, UNC at Charlotte; Angela Ogilvie, UNC at Charlotte; Ellen Ogilvie, Duke Divinity School; Kate Ogilvie, Meredith; Jack Ogburn, Appalachian State; Sandra Ordning, Davidson; Cindy Page, East Carolina; Myra Ragland, Appalachian State; Jennifer Reinhardt, Randolph Macon; Jeffrey Sheets, W.C.C.; Randy Sheets, Bowling Green State; Glenn Simpson, Davidson; Greg Simpson, Chowan; Bunny Walker, Appalachian State; Debbie Walker, St. Andrews; Rebecca Jane West, Lenoir-Rhyne; Jimmy Winkler, UCLA Graduate School; and Corinne Richardson Woody, Virginia Commonwealth. On December 31st these students were remembered and the Senior Highs conducted the morning worship. Ellen Ogilvie, student at Duke Divinity School, was the guest speaker.

New members added to our roll this year were: Nina Bell Calvert from St. Paul's Methodist Church, Shelby; Mrs. Paul Christie from Bon Air Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fleagle from First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Ortosky from New Bern Presbyterian Church; Mr. and Mrs. William Elder from First Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. Barton Bridges from Trinity United Methodist, Winston-Salem; Mr. William Robert Craft, Profession of Faith and Baptism; Mrs. Rodney Kerley from Non-Resident Roll; Arthur C. Finley, from Non-Resident Roll; Russell Dancy, from Non-Resident Roll.

#### Dismissed:

Ann Heath Finley, Garry Robert Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Christy Blaine, Mrs. Gilbert Stroud.

We were saddened to lose by death so many good and dedicated people: Staton McIver, deacon and elder, was our first loss early in the year. Dr. R.E. Lewis who died May 9th was a dedicated lay leader, active in all phases of church work. Mrs. Dorothy Cranor died on April 6th, Theodore Holder on April 7th, Thomas McLaughlin on June 15th, and Mrs. A.A. Cashion on December 25th.

#### Wedding bells rang out when the following were married:

Jennifer Corinne Richardson to Allen Barrett Woody in our sanctuary June 10th; Randall Keith Sheets to Robin Rausch at Wilkesboro Methodist August 5th;

Ann Heath Finley to Fairfax C. Reynolds in our sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale Nov. 4th; Michael Howard Meade to Janet Darnell Warlick in our church Nov. 18th;

Ivan Forehand to Lisa Gambill on August 19th at Hinshaw Baptist Church.

Births: Kristy Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson on April 15th; Susan McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil M. Dalrymple, Jr., on March 12th; Edgar Bernard, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gregory on May 22nd; Andrew Shawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Craft on March 26th; and Douglas Truman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shartz on July 23rd.

Boy Scout Troop #336 is led by Roy Forehand, Jim Knox, Howard Blackburn, and Christy Blaine. Eric Johnston received Silver Palm to his Eagle award. Troop #336 won a national camping award. Glenn Simpson received an Eagle award on January 8th from Troop #332. Jack Ogburn, Doug Ford, David Myers, and Eric Johnston served as ushers Feb. 12th as part of National Boy Scout Week. Douglas Hatton Ford received his Eagle award May 28th. On November 20th Chet Barksdale, Doug Ford, Greg Galifianakis, Steve Johnson, Eric Johnston, Matt McCachren, David Myers, Dan Ogburn, John Myers, Paul Yale and Jim Knox received awards.

Communicants on roll at the end of 1978 were 536, including the Wilkesboro Chapel.

Some of the special offerings were \$572.45 for World Missions; Birthday \$318; World Hunger Easter Offering \$387.54; Matthew 25 \$482.59; Joy Gift \$559.65; Barium Springs and Grandfather Home \$248.60 each.

As we look back on the work and worship of our church, we do so with gratitude for all those persons whose love of God and dedication to His church, caused them to give faithfully of their time, talent and energy.

Last year, a silver bud vase was given by Women of the Church to display a rose near the pulpit on Sundays following the birth of new babies to our members.

The 27th meeting of the Concord Presbytery was held January 26th and 27th at Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem. Attending were Ted Hall, Skip Parker, Rev. Jim Barksdale, and DCE Jackie Hall. We were asked to pray for the Presbytery as it considers all of its business.

On Pulpit Exchange Sunday, we welcomed the Rev. Al Andrews, Wilkesboro Baptist Church.

On March 4th, for our observance of Christian Witness, we had a special guest, Dr. Tommy Brown, director of the Division of International Missions. He spoke to all adult classes at Sunday School and led morning worship services with emphasis on China.

There was a Witness Season luncheon, where an offering was taken. This year General Assembly set as a goal \$1,000,000 to be used in its entirety for the International Mission Program of the PCUS, because of the shrinking value of the U.S. dollar and inflation in the mission field.

1979 Sessional Committees have been selected as follows: Recruitment, Douglas McElwee, Chmn; Gerald Lankford, Gordon Finley, Jeannie Ogilvie, David Baugess and Linda Whitesides; Christian Education, Frank Hartley, Chmn; Arnold Simpson, J. Perry Snipes, Eloise Wells, Linda Lankford, Harry Galifianakis, Carol Hartley, Rod Kerley and Margery Edgerton; Commitment, Sam Vickery, Chmn; Isabella Gibbs, Judy Shell, John Hubbard, Billie Bridges, Billie Stanley, Sue Broach and Becky Hubbard; Church Staff, Harry Page, Chmn; Jean Page, Leonard Brooks, Catherine Wilson, Robert Taylor, Sr. and Tom Ogburn; Wilkes Cares, Edward S. Finley; Weekday School, Michael Brown, Chmn; Barbara Hayes, Debbie Davis, Larry Hall, Bobby Taylor, Ann Ortosky and Katheryn Holt; Worship, H.M. Parker, Jr., Chmn; Lola Knox, Vania Forehand, Martha Parker, Mike Ortosky, Barbara Gregory and Florence Gwyn; Home & Family Nurture, Blair Gwyn, Chmn; Grace McIver, Carolina Finley, Lou Fleagle, Joan Dalrymple, Sam Ogilvie and Myra McCachren; Witness, Ted Hall, Chmn; Nancy Church, Suzy Kerley, Carol Baugess, Neil Cashion, Jr., Ellie Griffin, Barton Bridges, Mimi Smith, Gaither Keener and Beverly Keener; Congregational Care, Dorothy Lewis, Chmn; Mary Smith, Norma Stevenson, Karen Hall, Bill Warrick, Irma Ogilvie, Marcella Church and Julie Berry; Youth Ministries, Mary Louise Clements, Chmn; Ruth McCachren, Nancy Simpson, Charlie Sink, Dick Griffin and Ed Fleagle.

Diaconate Committees: Budget and Finance, Ed Gregory, Chmn; Jim Knox, Co-Chmn; Blair Gwyn, Steve Hayes, John R. Church, Jim Ford and Katherine Woodruff; Church Property, Clay Bauguss, Chmn; Gordon Ogilvie, Co-Chmn; Robert Berry, Bobby Craft, Arnold Simpson, Ruth Ford, Parks Church, Paul Sibley and Bill Johnston; Fellowship, Tim Davis, Chmn; Cathy McElwee, Co-Chmn; Bill Beeson, Joanne Beeson, Rebecca Simpson, Louise Vickery, Bob Vickery, Lowell Bushong and Jim Bouchelle; Service, Kay Myers, Chmn; Betty Thompson, Co-Chmn; Chuck Myers; Stewardship, Syd Spainhour, Chmn; Mac Dalrymple, Co-Chmn; Charles Whitesides, Henry Church, Betty Winslow, Doris Berry, Martha Barksdale, Al Stanley and Mike Gwyn; Ushering, Doug Winslow, chmn; Bill McCachren, Co-Chmn; Leslie Shell and Perry Snipes.

We commended Cam Finley and Clay Landon, two young men of the church, whose clear thinking and prompt action enabled them to save the life of a young man drowning in the Atlantic Ocean. Governor Hunt later awarded them the Governor's Medal for Bravery and Heroism.

Easter activities were held again this year. We had a Children's Parade with palms carried by the children as a sign of triumphant rejoicing, flowers represent the promise of new life, and the stoles worn by the children symbolize the "Priesthood Of All Believers." Flowers

were placed on the cross, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Men's breakfast for the congregation, and the Easter Workshop for Children were also parts of the celebration.

Women of the Church Annual Meeting was held in Statesville on April 1st. Dot Lewis and Marcella Church attended. A second meeting was held in Valdese on April 2nd with Marcella Church, Mozelle Spainhour, Doris Berry, Catherine Wilson and Louise Vickery attending. As Birthday Interpreter, Marcella Church addressed both meetings.

There was a tea honoring our new church members on April 22nd at the home of Dot Lewis. It was sponsored and hosted by the congregational committee.

The fellowship committee sponsored The Family of the Church and Church Families covered dish supper April 29th. Special attention was given to our church family, both now and those of long standing, as we looked at those things which enhance our life together.

We had a birthday party on May 15th at noon with salad, finger foods, and birthday cake. This was Women of the Church's birthday and Marcella Church was the interpreter. The offering this year goes to support christian higher education ministries and the Ecumenical Institute Bossey \$400.00 challenge goal for these two projects.

Our college graduates were: Sue Barr, Wilkes Comm.; David Brooks, Appalachian State; Keith Garrett, Clemson; Bill McCachren, Mars Hill; John McElwee, Wake Forest Law School; Cathy Johnston Walker, N.C. State .

The high school graduates were: Sam Ogilvie, Steve Johnson, Sara Knox, Cam Finley, Karen Hall, Ann Hartley, Dixon Horne, Eric Johnston, David Myers, Gordon Ogilvie, Jr., Rebecca Simpson, Jodi Reinhardt, Tommy Snipes, Phyllis Thompson, Margaret Osborne and Mitch Wiles.

Many thanks to all who helped with Vacation Church School with its theme, "Sharing God's Gifts." Seventy students and teachers talked and sang about God's many gifts to us and our responsibility to use them wisely and well.

The session on July 8th approved work on some capital improvement projects with a committee to study the total bathroom needs. \$7,000 is available for improvements or additions.

There was an old fashioned picnic for the entire church family at our local Smoot Park, July 29th, sponsored by the fellowship committee. The N. Wilkesboro Presbyterian church family is well fed, judging by the many suppers, breakfasts, teas, picnics, etc., that we have reported, but we consider this good fellowship.

Our church has approved the placing of special emphasis toward support of Wilkes Cares during the month of August. The most urgent need is for additional financial support and urgent need to continue this vital ministry.

The seniors had a progressive dinner on Sunday, August 12th, with special guests, the 1979 high school graduates. They first went to John Hubbard's home for hors d'oeuvres, then to the Al Searcys for salad, to Mary Louise Clements for the main course, the Bob Thompsons for dessert. Movies were shown of the "Stars" of the North Wilkesboro youth group. The Frank Hartleys assisted with dessert.

Annual Spiritual Life Retreat was held at Lees-McRae College August 4th and 5th. From our church Vania Forehand, Mary Taylor, Judy Shell, Debbie Davis and Marcella Church attended.

To all those dedicated men and women who rotated out as officers and teachers, again we thank you: Arnold Simpson, Jean Page, Gerald Lankford, Carol Baugess, Harry Galifianakis, Linda Whitesides, Neil Cashion, Jr., Debbie Davis, Perry Snipes, Margery Edgerton, Marolyn Brooks, Mac Dalrymple, Richard Holt, Syd Spainhour, Ted Hall and Annie Winkler.

Newly elected elders are Paul Cashion, Martha Parker, Mozelle Spainhour, Bob Powell and Doug Winslow. Newly elected deacons are David Baugess, Linda Lankford, Ed Fleagle, Jack Ragland, Al Stanley and Neil Cashion, Jr. who was elected to serve in the place of Christy Blaine.

The annual church school report shows an enrollment of 281, 17 at Wilkesboro Chapel. Those with perfect attendance were Blair Gwyn and Daisy Myers.

The Christian Education Staff for 1979-80 is: Supt., Gerald Lankford, Asst. Supt., Jim Bouchelle, General Secretary, Linda Whitesides, Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Finley, Pre-

School, Eloise Wells, Daisy Myers, Hilda Holder, Bobbie Snipes, Julie Berry, Ellie Griffin, Carol Hartley and Larry Hall; Elementary Division, Linda Lankford, Suzy Kerley, Doug Winslow, Sue Broach, Dick Griffin, Betty Underwood, Martha Barksdale, Judy Shell and Gaither Keener; Youth Division, Jeannie Ogilvie, Joan Dalrymple, Ed Fleagle, Ben Barr, Gordon Finley and Rod Kerley; Pioneer Youth Fellowship, Al and Billie Stanley, Perry and Bobbie Snipes; Senior High Fellowship, Bob and Joanne Beeson, Betty Thompson, Jackie Hall; Adult Teachers, Tim Davis, Jane West, Rev. Jim Barksdale, H.M. Parker, Jr., Paul Payne was president of the Men's Bible Class, Norma Stevenson was president of the Vanguard Class; Cradle Roll, DeEtte Mason; Librarian, Doris Berry. All these and those who rotated out were honored with a reception at noon on Sunday, September 23rd.

The following women were installed as officers of Women of the Church on September 20th: President, Louise Vickery; 1st Vice-President, Grace McIver; 2nd Vice-President, Nancy Church; Secretary, Roberta Marsh; Treasurer, Lib Finley; Historian, Catherine Wilson; Personal Faith & Family Life, Marcella Church; Christian Community Action, Vi Snyder; Ecumenical Missions & Relations, Jane Ogburn; Leadership & Resources, Mozelle Spainhour; Circle Leaders, Becky Hubbard, Judy Shell, Gladys Hudson, Doug McElwee, Barbara Gregory, Joanne Beeson, Grace McIver; Social Chairman, Betty Winslow; Nursery chairman, Bobbie Snipes; Dinner chairman, Carolina Finley.

October 12th we had a mini-retreat at the mountain home of Bill and Doug McElwee.

Session approved a \$5,000 matching moneys to the Wilkesboro Chapel building fund. It will be in force for five years and is to be considered a challenge and encouragement to the Wilkesboro congregation. It will be taken from the Louise Vine Bailey trust fund.

"Having A Ball" was our Commitment church family supper theme on October 28th. Speakers were Syd Spainhour on "A Provocative Thought;" Al Stanley and Allen Finley had an artistic, graphic presentation; Jane West spoke on "The Faith At Work." Special guest was Tony Fortune, M.C. and recreational director of Grandfather Home For Children.

Our total challenge budget is \$127,226.96, 26.9% over the 1979 budget and the largest ever.

Dr. George Chauncey, Washington Communicator for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., preached for us on November 18th, sponsored by Women of the Church. He spoke on "Social Involvement in Spiritual Renewal" at a covered dish supper that evening. He spoke again on "Bread And Justice For All," and on Monday morning he led us in a Bible study on "The Biblical Doctrine Of Creation." On Saturday evening a get together was held at the home of Arnold and Nancy Simpson so the congregation could meet Dr. Chauncey on a more informal basis.

Rev. Barksdale began a four session study on "Developing The Spiritual Life" on Wednesday evenings beginning November 28th.

The committee, composed of representatives from each adult Sunday School Class, completed the task of comparing a composite picture of where we have been, where we are now, and where we need to go in the future. Members felt there was sufficient interest to have two-four session forums a year. The top three interests : (1) Death & Dying, February, 1980; (2) Development Of The Spiritual Life, October, 1980; (3) Our Faith Roots, February, 1981. It was hoped by this committee and the Christian education committee that these forums will help make our Adult Church School Division more responsive to the needs, concerns, and expectations of our church membership.

One of the Women of the Church community action projects was to aid Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lowrance of Lansing Presbyterian Church in providing help to poverty level persons in their area. A box for warm clothing was marked for donations and money was also given to President Louise Vickery. This was well received and we were able to take a nice load to the Lowrances.

At a meeting of session, in September, members approved, among other business, a "Day On The Town" for our retirees; voted to give a Bible to each couple married in this church; and announced that ruling elders will assist the pastor in services on Sunday mornings with a prayer and the declaration of pardon.

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Special offerings during the year netted the following totals: Mission Offering, \$664.16; Thanksgiving Offering, \$450.10; Cambodian Relief, \$114.65; WOC Birthday, \$280.00; Joy Gift, \$559.65.

On December 2nd, the Christian education committee and the home and family nurture committee jointly sponsored an Advent festival. Over 50 families constructed beautiful Advent calendars. The Presbyterian News, the newspaper of the Synod of N.C., featured the Advent activities of our church in an article in the November issue.

A Joy Gift tea was held on December 16th for entire families. "The Christmas Story" featured our children. This Joy Gift offering goes to ministerial relief, much of it for major medical insurance coverage. Other Christmas activities went on during the season.

New people in our church during the year were: Rodney Kerley from Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Millers Creek; William J. and Betty Underwood, Patricia Lynn Underwood from Beaver Creek Advent Christian Church, Ferguson; Charles Douglas Turner, profession of faith & baptism; Gaither M. Keener, N. Newton Baptist Church; Beverly M. Keener, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury; John Lee and Susan Eikenberry, Second United Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.; Mimi Smith from Church of Holy Cross, Valle Crucis; Peter Anderson from First Congregational Church, Bloomfield, Ct.; Robert and Betty Powell, David Powell, from First United Presbyterian Church, Howell, MI.; Bryan and Debbie Goad from First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Thomas F. Blair from St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Greensboro; Douglas and Sterling Tomlin, Andrea Tomlin from Church of Red Rocks, United Church of Christ, Sedona, Arizona; Donna Turner McNeil from Rockfish Presbyterian Church, Wallace; Harold and Frances Thompson from First United Presbyterian Church, Independence, KS; Mrs. William A. Long from First Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, Joseph Michael and Anne Lathers Ortosky from West New Bern Presbyterian Church, New Bern; James K. Ford, Jr., moved from inactive roll.

Dismissed were: Mr. & Mrs. Carson Burns; Martha Burns, Mr. & Mrs. William Warrick, Mrs. Michael Richard Little, Edwin Duncan, Jr., Mrs. David Lynn.

Our new babies: Martha Susan to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hayes on January 22nd; Julian Sydnor to Mr. & Mrs. Syd Spainhour on July 27th; Patrick Rolf to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anderson on March 18th; Anna to Mr. & Mrs. David Baugess on November 5th; Meredith Catherine to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gregory on December 28th; Johanna Leigh to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rhyne on August 29th; Aimee Mylissa to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hudson on August 22nd; Evan Payne to Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Foster on August 31st; Miranda Hope to Mr. & Mrs. Larry Seals on October 19th; A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. William Johnson on May 4th.

We were saddened by the deaths of several of our people: Mary Jo Faw on January 28th; Henry C. Landon, Jr. on March 2nd; Mrs. Joe Zimmerman on June 7th; Claude Hall on August 13th; Joe West on August 25th; John Cashion on December 24th.

Weddings to brighten our spirits included: Patsy Ford to Lieutenant John W. Eads, on February 17th in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Deborah Sue Walker to Gary Wayne Blackwell on June 2nd in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Catherine Ann Johnston to Donald Goodwin Walker, Jr. on May 19th in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; William A. Long to Susan Frances Bryant on July 14th in Scotland Neck, by Rev. Barksdale; Donnie Lee Payne to Julia Diane Lutz on October 27th in Newton; Marolyn Grace Brooks to Ronald N. Irvine, Jr. on December 29th in the sanctuary; Janet Chadwick McIver to Russell Till on October 20th in New Jersey; Frances Ruby Griffith to Ramon C. Hoots on December 1st in Winston-Salem.

Thus the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church "wraps up" another good, fulfilling year, with always the next one to anticipate.

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## 1980

We began 1980 with much enthusiasm. Communion was held on the first Sunday, with session meeting afterward, and circles meetings in the first week. The sermon for the first Sunday was "Dawn after Darkness" by Rev. James Barksdale. Wilkes Cares thanked us for our support last year and reported that three days before Christmas they helped 210 families. We received a new member on the very first Sunday.

Rev. Barksdale left for Richmond on study leave from January 7th-20th, and Rev. Clem Lamberth, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery was our preacher. Rev. Odell Smith, Dean of Students at Lees-McRae, Banner Elk, was here the next Sunday.

Members of our congregation elected to serve Concord Presbytery this year are: Commission On The Minister, Rev. Jim Barksdale, Skip Parker in 1982. Examination Committee, Dorothy Lewis; Nurture Committee, Jackie Hall; Witness Committee, Katherine Woodruff.

"Celebrating The Christian Year" on February 3rd was led by Mrs. Bonnie Lamberth, D.C.E. from Statesville. It was a church family program with special classes for all groups. Many thanks to Marcella Church, Debbie Davis, Mary Frances Galifianakis, Carolina Finley, Mozelle Spainhour, Doris Berry, Mary Louise Clements, Isabella Gibbs, Jean Page, Betty and Lynn Underwood, Nancy Church, Betty Powell, Jane West, Perry and Bobbie Snipes, and Al and Billie Stanley.

A special adult forum on death and dying took place during February, on Sunday mornings, in the sanctuary. Because of snow and bad weather through much of February, scheduled speakers were unable to attend and Rev. Barksdale taught this forum each Sunday.

To the Glory of God, with thankfulness, excitement, awe, joy the session and diaconate adopted the challenge budget. For a long time we have had to adjust and cut our budget. This year our Stewardship Committee, Budget Committee, and each contributing person, made this possible, and we rejoiced.

Elders installed and ordained on February 10th were: Paul Cashion, Martha Parker, Robert Powell, Mozelle Spainhour, and Douglas Winslow. Deacons installed and ordained were: David Baugess, Edward Fleagle, John Ragland, Al Stanley. Linda Lankford and Neil Cashion, Jr. were installed later.

The Women of the Church announced that they have some small scholarships available from \$375-\$500 to any qualified young person of Concord Presbytery.

Dorothy Lewis was elected on the first ballot to be one of eight ruling elders representing our Presbytery at the 1980 General Assembly Presbyterian Church, USA.

It is traditional in our church that morning worship services are not canceled on snowy or inclement weather days. Those who can make it, do so, because "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

The session made the following appointments of sessional and diaconate committees for 1980: Christian Education, Harry Page, Peter Anderson, Debbie Davis, Richard Holt, Gerald Lankford, Jean Page, Jeannie Ogilvie, Eloise Wells, Linda Whitesides and Catherine Wilson; Church Staff, Doug Winslow, Jim Bouchelle, Joan Dalrymple, Bill Hurd, Doug Tomlin and Billie Stanley; Commitment, Ed Finley, Doris Berry, John R. and Nancy Church, Lib Finley, Parks Church, Bill and Dorothy Johnston, Irma Ogilvie, Annie Winkler; Congregational Care, Martha Parker, Carol Baugess, Frances Hall, Karen Hall, Frank, Carol, Ann and Janice Hartley, Walter Hobson, Dot Lewis, Ann Ortosky, Betty Winslow, Margi Turner and Sam and Louise Vickery; Home and Family Life, Mozelle Spainhour, Sue Broach, Marcella Church, Carolina Finley, Lou Fleagle, Myra McCachren, Bill and Betty Underwood; Recruitment, Mary Louise Clements, Emma Buchan, Bryan Goad, Bill Long, Elaine McCord, Judy Shell and Betty Powell; Week-Day School, Ted Hall, Debbie Goad, Ellen Rhyne, Mike Ortosky, and Al and Martha Searcy; Worship, Michael and Joan Brown, Paul Cashion, Margie Edgerton, Jeanne Marler, Grace McIver and Charles Myers; Wilkes Cares, Douglas McElwee; Witness, Bob Powell, Barton and Billie Bridges, Henry Church, John and Sue Eikenberry, Dick and Ellie Griffin, Harry and Mary Frances Galifianakis, Beverly Keener and Donna McNeill; Youth Ministries, Gordon Finley, Lynn Church, Bill and Jan Elder, Larry Hall, Kim Hudson, Rod Kerley, Suezi Long and Mimi Smith.

Diaconate Committees are: Budget and Finance, Ed Gregory, Jack Ragland, Blair Gwyn, Steve Hayes, Katherine Holt, Gaither Keener, Myra Ragland and Bobby Taylor; Building and Grounds, Cathy McElwee, Clay Bauguss, Ben and Sue Barr, Mac Dalrymple, Bill McElwee, III, Roberta Marsh, Arnold Simpson and Charles Turner; Fellowship, Linda Lankford, David Bauguss, Bob and Joanne Beeson, Leonard and Mildred Brooks, Jim and Lola Knox, Gerald Lankford and Jane West; Service, Betty Thompson, Ed Fleagle, Mae Bauguss, Fern Blair, Vania Forehand, Kay Myers and R.G. and Mary Taylor; Stewardship, Syd Spainhour, Al Stanley, Martha Barksdale, David House, Tom Ogburn, Skip Parker, Norma Stevenson and Charles Whitesides; Ushering, Neil Cashion, Jr., Bill McCachren, Gordon Ogilvie, Jim and Ruth Ford, Perry Snipes, Sr. and Bob Vickery.

Special church-wide services, sponsored by Women of the Church, were held March 16th and 17th with Dr. John H. Leith, Pemberton Professor of Theology, Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. His credentials read like a "Who's Who" of American Presbyterians, one of the outstanding teachers and authors of our church. He interwove two themes: "The Mission of the Church in the 80's" and "The History of the Reformed Faith - Our Faith 'Roots'." At the morning worship service he preached on "What does the church have to say to the world?" At the Sunday evening covered dish supper he spoke on "Our Faith Roots." On Monday he went to a men's breakfast, and a morning study session with the women, and at noon a light lunch was provided. At the evening services he continued the theme: "Our Faith Roots and Heritage, and What They Have To Say To Our Future." Dr. Leith's visit was a huge success. We appreciated him and his good mind, his grasp of the "Presbyterian Way," and his way of assisting us in our growth. Thanks to the Women of the Church, and especially to Marcella Church, Jane Ogburn, Lib Finley, Mozelle Spainhour and Louise Vickery.

Quoting from a letter from Dr. Leith to Rev. Barksdale after his visit, he writes: "This is a remarkably fine congregation. Churches are made by ministers and ministers are made by churches. It works both ways. It reflects the fine work that you are doing and I am sure it has challenged you to develop and grow. I was very much impressed with your congregation. Please give my best regards to those whom I met. Their responsiveness to what I had to say meant a great deal to me."

An organized prayer chain, under the direction of Sam Vickery and the congregational care committee, was started for offering intercessory prayers for members of our congregation in times of personal crises and other designated needs.

"New Life Of Old" Easter celebration for children was on Saturday, March 29th. It featured the story of Easter, music, arts and crafts, refreshments, a visit to Carolina Rest Home and the balloon celebration. Other Easter plans included a men's breakfast for the entire church, Maundy Thursday communion service, Easter worship services and communion, special Easter music and "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering. Easter lilies were brought to be placed on the Pulpit.

Our pastor, Rev. Jim Barksdale, went to Winston-Salem for what he thought would be minor surgery, but the problem turned out to be a malignant tumor which was removed on April 15th. Testing indicated that the disease was confined to the colon area, but he will be several weeks recuperating and resting. The Barksdales were very appreciative of all prayers and other expressions of love, and conveyed their thanks. During his absence we had guest ministers: Dr. Joseph Pickard, Associate Presbyter for Business Affairs and Treasurer of Concord Presbytery; on April 20th we had Dr. Clements Lamberth, General Presbyter of Concord Presbytery, an old friend of the congregation.

A church family luncheon on April 27th honored our new members. Our minister was the Rev. Robert W. Ratcheford, co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

On May 11th Dr. Lamberth was with us and on May 4th, Mr. Carl Dumford, second-year student at Union Seminary preached for us.

Dr. Warner Hall, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., in Charlotte was the guest minister on May 18th. He has served the Presbyterian Church in a distinguished manner at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels. His visit was sponsored by the stewardship committee. Sunday evening, Dr. Hall spoke to us on "Estate Planning-Wills From A Christian Point Of View." An informal reception after morning worship honored our returning college students on the church lawn, sponsored by the fellowship committee.

On May 25th we welcomed Rev. Jim Barksdale back to "his" pulpit. In the newsletter he was most appreciative to his congregation for "carrying on," making few demands and working together. To quote: "You are the most caring church I think I shall ever know and all my ways and days will bear the mark of what you gave me, taught me, suffered with me, and helped me to learn among you. You have been priests to me as you have been priests to one another. The will to live does not guarantee that a person will live, but without the will to live a person will not live, and with the will to live a person will live each day to the utmost. That's what I try to do."

The Women of the Church birthday celebration included a church covered dish supper. The birthday offering will go to an exciting concept in youth ministry development called "The Tithe Of Life," where young people will offer two years of their life in service to their church. After a training period they will be placed in a small church through General Assembly to conduct a youth ministry program.

Our college graduates this year are: William Glenn Beeson, Clemson; William F. Brooks, Wake Forest Law School; Martha Edgerton, Emory; Karen Knox Hayes, UNC School of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill; Charles Justin, Jr., Guilford; Vernon Mustian, Jr., Wake Forest; Angela Ogilvie, UNC at Charlotte; Kate Ogilvie, Meredith; Susan Powell, Eastern Michigan; and James Winkler, UCLA.

The 120th General Assembly met May 30th-June 6th at Myrtle Beach. Elder Dorothy Lewis was one of eight lay persons attending from Presbytery.

Katie Finley was selected by the Nurture Committee of Concord Presbytery to be one of eight youth members of the Presbytery Youth Council for two years. She will also be one of four attending the 1980 Youth Triennium at Indiana University.

On June 1st, Tab Brown, student intern, working with Beulah Presbyterian and Wilkesboro Chapel, under the supervision of Rev. Barksdale, preached for us and we had the two church groups as our guests. The Beulah choir sang during the service.

Our high school graduates this year were: Clayton Landon, Diane Ruth Brown, Charles Noble Hubbard, Douglas Hatton Ford, Margaret Tate Ogilvie, Martha Campbell Ogilvie and John Charles Summers.

Jackie Hall, D.C.E., was invited by the General Assembly Mission Board to attend a Forum on Christian education. She is one of ten Presbyterian Church U.S. representatives attending. It is at Scarritt College in Nashville, TN., June 24th-26th.

Vacation Church School was June 23rd-27th, Elaine McCord was director. The theme "Jesus, Lord and Saviour" centered around three relationships involved in our Christian lives: God reaches out to us; We respond to God's love; In Jesus we show love toward each other. Fifty-four children attended and we want to thank all the helpers who spent long hours in preparation and teaching.

Our pastor and his family vacationed in Florida for the month of July. Dr. R. David Kaylor, professor of religion at Davidson; Rev. Odell Smith, dean of students at Lees-McRae; Dorothy Lewis with "Thoughts From General Assembly;" and Rev. John S. Johnson, retired Presbyterian minister were our July substitutes.

In June we had our annual "Day In The Park," where we have hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings, swim, play ball, or just sit and visit with fellow church members. On August 24th we went to Doughton Park, where we go every year, featuring a huge spread of foods galore, fun and relaxation.

The church owes a debt of gratitude to the following who rotated out as teachers or leaders in Sunday school: Gerald Lankford, Supt.; Mel Hudson, Ellie Griffin, Carol Hartley, Linda Lankford, Sue Broach, Dick Griffin, Martha Barksdale, Judy Shell, Tim Davis, Joanne Beeson, Bob Beeson and Ben Barr.

The Director of Christian Education formed a new class for 6th graders, to be held once a month through May. The purpose is to assist pre-adolescents with rocky days that might lie before them.

There was a covered dish supper and birthday party September 21st to celebrate the 200th birthday of the Sunday School of Presbyterian Church USA.

Annual report of Sunday School as of September 21st: Present enrollment-247, enrollment at Wilkesboro Chapel-20, for a total of 267.

Women of the Church Officers - 1980: President, Louise Vickery; 1st Vice-President, Grace McIver; 2nd Vice-President, Nancy Church; Secretary, Roberta Marsh; Treasurer, Lib Finley; Historian, Catherine Wilson; Chairman of Personal Faith & Family Life, Marcella Church; Chairman of Christian Community Action, Vi Snyder; Chairman of Ecumenical Missions & Relations, Jane Ogburn; Chairman of Leadership & Resources, Mozelle Spainhour; Standing Committee - Social, Betty Winslow; Dinner, Carolina Finley; Nursery, Bobbie Snipes; Flowers, Clara Sibley; Circle Chairmen, Rebecca Hubbard, Judy Shell, Gladys Hudson, Doug McElwee; Home Circle - Grace McIver; Night Circle - Barbara Gregory and Joanne Beeson.

"Development Of The Spiritual Life" class began October 12th with Dr. John T. Wayland, associate pastor of First Baptist Church and good friend to our congregation. This class met for three consecutive Sundays.

A church-wide "hobby show and ice cream social" was held on October 5th. This was sponsored by the fellowship committee.

The stewardship committee sponsored a church family supper and program on October 27th. Brunswick stew was served. The challenge budget for 1981 is \$138,046.72. An increase mostly for debt retirement on the educational annex building, special benevolence to St. Andrews College, and major repairs to the church are its principal items.

On November 9th Rev. Walter Smith, Associate Presbyter for Christian Education for Concord Presbytery preached for us as Rev. Barksdale was in the hospital again. On November 16th, Dr. John M. Handley, Associate Presbyter for Ministers from Concord Presbytery came to us. Rev. Barksdale came home from the hospital, for a few days but had to re-enter November 18th for a week of chemotherapy. The congregation is saddened by his recurring illness and his suffering; we remember him as always in our prayers.

Marcella Church was asked to visit, on behalf of session, Presbyterian newcomers and others who indicated interest in our church. Martha Parker and the congregational care committee continue to help out too, and the D.C.E. and the church staff are always on call.

The church calendar for December fills up fast and as follows: The "Messiah" on December 7th (many of the singers from our church join in this); on December 21st the Joy Gift tea for Women of the Church; special Christmas music and on December 24th our Christmas Eve communion.

The old fashioned Christmas was a big success. Thanks go to the Christian education committee: Harry Page, Chmn; to Craft Center leaders: Joanne Beeson, Robin Beeson, Bob Berry, Doris Berry, Karen and Lowell Bushong, Carolina and Katie Finley, Mary Frances Galifianakis, Katherine Holt, Bobby Craft, Robert Meade, Kay Myers, Lena Page, Bill Rusch, Kim Rusch, Louise and Sam Vickery, Betty and Lynn Underwood; the photographer - Perry Snipes; story teller - Syd Spainhour; pianist - Cathy McElwee and director - Mozelle Spainhour.

We welcomed the following new members in 1980: Walter M. Hobson from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, S.C.; William M. Hurd from Holy Trinity Lutheran, Reidsville; Mrs. William M. Hurd from First Baptist Church, Reidsville; Mr. & Mrs. William M. Rusch, Jr. from Augsburg Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem; Mr. & Mrs. David A. Groom from First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Shurtliffe from First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, Va.; Dr. Thomas Bowman from Beverly Hills United Church of Christ, Burlington; Mrs. Jane Somers from St. Andrews Presbyterian, Charleston, S.C.

Dismissed: Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Teague, Mr. & Mrs. John Harris, Donnie Lee Payne, Frank Benson Marsh, Mrs. John William Eads, and Mimi Smith.

New babies in 1980: Mary Allison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hall on January 28th; Joseph Tate, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gaither Keener, Jr. on February 28th; Robert Charles, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Turner on September 19th; John Daniel, son of Dr. Tom & Dr. Karolen Church Bowman on July 28th; Carol Addison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Neill Dalrymple on October 9th; Cynthia Porter, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Woodruff on October 26th; William Samuel, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Smoak on Feburary 6th; Eric Carl, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Schraibam on June 22nd; and John Stewart, son of Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Shepherd on July 21st (Wilkesboro Chapel).

We lost some more good people to death this year, and as always we hate to give them up: Mrs. Harold Smith on February 3rd, Mrs. Eugene Dancy on September 1st, Fred T. Finley on

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September 9th, Earl Church on October 3rd, Mrs. D.J. Carter on October 25th, and James W. Steele on October 18th.

We wished much joy and happiness to all the new brides and grooms, of which we had quite a number. C.C. Faw, Jr. to Peggy Pearson Watts on February 16th at home; Penny Sue Cashion to Steven Scott Lockhart, April 5th in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Myra O'Neil McCachren to John Edmund Carrigan, Jr., in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Rickey Joe Reeves and Beth T. Stewart, in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale (Wilkesboro Chapel members); Roberta Rosemary Marsh to David John Skridulis on June 14th in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale; Charles E. Summers, Jr. to Deborah Joan Mathis on June 14th; Barbara Arlene Baker to Michael David Gregory on June 20th; David Preston Sink to Anne Marie Fulcher in Eden on July 19th; Ellen Eugenia Ogilvie to Alan Blue Edmonds in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale on August 9th; Martha Bond Edgerton to Jeffrey Scott Wells in the sanctuary by Rev. Barksdale on August 23rd; Arthur Stevenson McCord, III to Joan Nixon on September 11th, in Troutman; and David Brooks to Lynn Triplett on August 3rd at Wilkesboro Methodist Church.

We closed 1980 with an open house at the manse on December 28th. The invitation read "To partially express their deep appreciation for the love expressed by the congregation to the Barksdales, they invite you to the manse from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M." The Barksdales were most gracious and loving in their welcome. We so admire their courage after a most difficult year. Rev. Barksdale's remarks in a newsletter ended with "I yearn to serve you still devotedly and passionately." We hope he will and we continue to pray for God's healing strength for the Reverend James Pritchett Barksdale, our pastor.

## 1981

"As we move ahead into 1981, we cannot do so without reflecting on the life of the congregation as we have worshiped and worked together in 1980. It has been a difficult year; in another way, though, it has been a year of opportunity as lay persons we take seriously our role as members of the `body of Christ in this place. Everybody has made sure the work of the church has gone forward without interruption. And this is what the church is all about," quote from Jackie Hall, our director of Christian education.

Rev. James P. Barksdale, our pastor, was in the hospital again in January. We had the following preachers while he was sick: Dr. Joseph Pickard, associate general presbyter for business affairs and treasurer of Concord Presbytery; Dr. Clements Lamberth on Feb. 1st; Dr. David Daniel, president of Wilkes Community College, on Feb. 8th.

The communicants class began a three months' study of the Christian faith with Betty Powell, teacher. The class was composed of Beth Barksdale, Ann Duffy, Jeff Church, Mike Bouchelle, Greg Galifianakis, Leigh Griffin, Melissa Kilby, Laura Mustian, Jeff Payne, Kim Rusch, Polly Tisdale, and Deidre Tomlin.

On Pulpit Exchange Sunday, Dr. John T. Wayland, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, was our preacher. We always look forward to hearing Dr. Wayland, whom we all know well.

The Session approved 1981 challenge budget of \$138,096.72 and authorized its special task force on additional bathroom facilities to construct, convert, and modify bathrooms at a cost of \$10,000 from capital improvement funds.

At Session meeting on February 8, the Session approved Suzy Kerley and Dorothy Lewis to an ad hoc committee for addition to the ministerial staff, and approved that Session proceeded immediately to call a minister for an interim period to serve six months. Also approved the ad hoc committee to work with John Handley to study needs of an associate minister; Session also approved Mike Brown, Roberta Marsh, and Louise Vickery to serve on a memorials committee.

A liaison group was elected to meet with Rev. Barksdale weekly to assist him in conducting business and communications: Bob Thompson, clerk of session; Betty Thompson, chairman, board of deacons; Blair Gwyn, elder; Clay Bauguss, deacon; Ed Finley and Ed Gregory, alternates.

We thanked the women who painted and wall-papered some classrooms and bathrooms: Claudia Tisdale, Dot Lewis, Debbie Davis, Cathy McElwee, and Judy Shell.

Mr. Barksdale's health continued to worsen, but he kept his congregation informed, never lost his good spirit, and remained appreciative of prayers and concern. He came home again Feb. 18th and worked from the manse. The times he has been able to preach, he has been in a wheel chair until he got to the sanctuary door, but walked from there to the pulpit. His courage and his "keeping his hand in" church matters throughout his illness impressed and inspired us all.

Jackie Hall led two vacation church school workshops for Concord Presbytery, one at First Presbyterian Church, Concord, and one at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

About twenty people are on the prayer chain functioning since April, 1980. Catherine Wilson or Martha Parker were to be called if there was a request for the prayer chain.

A forum on parenting was held on four Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 with leader, Dorie Underwood.

On February 22nd, Dr. John Handley preached; on March 1st, Dr. Clements Lamberth; Dr. William J. Carl, asst. professor of homiletics worship and instructor in New Testament Greek at Union Seminary, on March 15th; Dr. John Wayland on March 22nd. Mr. Barksdale was working hard to return to the pulpit, working mornings at the manse, and keeping up with all phases of church work. He was able to conduct the funeral on February 28th of a dear friend, John Robert Church, who had been active in the church and much loved by everybody.

Boy Scout Troop 336's fiftieth anniversary celebration was a special day on April 5th. Dr. David Daniel, president of Wilkes Community College, was the speaker, and the con-

gregation was invited to the reception and cutting of birthday cake after morning worship service.

Dr. Robert W. Kirkpatrick, a retired Presbyterian minister, was called by our Session as interim pastor on April 16th to serve our church and to assist Mr. Barksdale for six months, beginning May 16th.

The Session authorized a special combined meeting of all adult classes on April 12th to determine available means for potential needs of Mr. Barksdale and his family.

Women of the Church annual birthday party celebration was May 12th with the birthday offering this year to go to four PCUS theological seminaries.

Flowers were placed in sanctuary on May 10th to the glory of God and to honor Daisy Myers for all the love and kindness given to the baby nursery children over the years.

Our Young Men's Basketball team won the regular season and tournament championship in YMCA church basketball league. The team consists of Claude Faw, Larry Christenbury, Cam Finley, Dixon Horne, Tom Horne, John Pearson, Steve Hayes, Charlie Sink, Perry and Tommy Snipes.

Dr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick arrived May 15th to serve our church and assist Rev. Barksdale. They were introduced to members and on May 24th welcomed at luncheon following morning worship service. They will live at the Eloise Mitchell House (right in the heart of Presbyterian country on E Street). We appreciated all the hard work cleaning, painting and furnishing that some of the members did: Bob Berry, Dottie Sue Berry, Karen Bushong, Lowell Bushong, Neil Cashion, Jr., Parks Church, Blair and Florence Gwyn, Karen Hall, Rod Kerley, Linda Lankford, Dot Lewis, Robbie Lewis, Martha Parker, Mozelle Spainhour, Syd Spainhour, Margi Turner, Dudley Waugh.

On May 17th for Witness Season Sunday, our special guest was Sara Dixon, our missionary, who brought the morning message. It was followed by a churchwide luncheon, after which Miss Dixon informally discussed her work.

Thanks to Parks Church for making storage shelves in the Christian Education Annex; to Troop 336 for their assistance; to Karen Hall for cleaning out and straightening out teachers' supply closet.

Matthew 25 offering at Easter was \$803.35; "One Great Hour of Sharing," \$349.95; WOC birthday offering \$257.00.

The Session adopted a set of policies in regard to use of memorial gifts. Committee of Louise Vickery, Mike Brown and Roberta Marsh asked for suggestions from Sunday School classes and circles, and found the top priority was the organ fund.

We congratulated our high school and college graduates. From high school: James Spencer Knox, Janice Lynn Hartley, Daniel Carter Ogburn, Pamela Lee Page, William M. Rusch, Jr. From college: Michael Gwyn, MBA, Tulane; William B. Gwyn, Jr., JD, Wake Forest Law; Suzanna Paige Hall, Davidson; Thomas Smith Horne, UNC-Chapel Hill; Margaret Smith Horne, Queens; Bea Jodi Reinhardt, Lees McRae; Jennifer Victoria Reinhardt, Randolph Macon Woman's College; Arnold Glenn Simpson, Davidson. An informal reception for college students was held on the church lawn on June 7th.

A \$250 scholarship toward a four-year college degree is to be awarded to any active member of our church from the Dr. and Mrs. Harold B. Smith memorial fund.

The Reverend James Pritchett Barksdale, who had sent messages of comfort to the congregation and reports of his progress all through his illness, reached a critical stage in early summer and was unable to receive any more visitors. He still wanted the congregation to know that he continued to think of us, pray for us, and love us. The Barksdales deeply appreciated all the expressions of love which continued to sustain them.

On June 28th, a Sunday, Jim Barksdale passed away. He had fought a good fight and had delivered, through a long terminal illness, a powerful sermon in action and attitude.

Dr. John Leith of Union Seminary, Dr. Clements Lamberth, Jr. of Concord Presbytery, Mary Louise Clements, our choir director and organist and Debbie Coles, Beulah Presbyterian choir director and organist, led the funeral service for Rev. Barksdale.

The new ladies lounge construction on ground floor has now been completed, paid for out of capital improvement fund. Members of the ad hoc committee were Arnold Simpson, Clay

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Bauguss, Doris Berry, Clint Shurtliffe, and Chuck Turner. Others who worked were Robert Meade, Frank Hartley, and Bob Berry.

Mrs. Kate Robinson McDiarmid died July 11th at age 99, the oldest member of our congregation. She was a daughter of the Rev. Charles Robinson, first minister of our church. We will miss her.

The Session called a meeting of the congregation on August 9th to set a pulpit search committee in motion to select a successor to Rev. Barksdale. Chosen to serve were: Dorothy Lewis, Virginia Spainhour, Katie Finley, Sam Vickery, Gordon Ogilvie, and Robert Taylor.

New officers of Women of the Church elected and installed were: president, Debbie Davis; 1st vice president, Louise Vickery; 2nd vice president, Douglas McElwee; secretary, Elizabeth H. Finley; treasurer, Grace McIver; historian, Cathy McElwee; personal faith and family life, Virginia Spainhour; Christian community action, Linda Lankford; ecumenical missions and relations, Doris Berry; leadership and resources, Jeannie Ogilvie; circle chairmen: Carol Baugess, Dorothy Lewis, Billie Bridges, Judy Shell, Vi Snyder, Douglas McElwee, Mary Louise Clements, and Lois Stout; social committee: Suzy Kerley, chmn., Beverly Keener, Donna McNeil, Gladys Hudson, Mary F. Galifianakis; dinner committee: Debbie Goad, chmn., Karen Bushong, Myra Carrigan, Nancy Simpson, and Martha Searcy; nursery: Bobbie Snipes; flowers: Joanne Beeson; crisis committee: Debbie Davis, Dixie Horne, Katheryn Holt, Jane Bouchelle, Jean Page, Cecile Meade, Carol Baugess, and Judy Shell.

New elders elected were Clay Bauguss, Walter Hobson, Sam Ogilvie, Betty Thompson, and Catherine Wilson.

Our out-going officers and teachers of Sunday School were: Jim Bouchelle, Eloise Wells, Jeannie Ogilvie, Hilda Holder, Suzy Kerley, Betty Underwood, Doug Winslow, Gaither Keener, Joan Dalrymple, Billie Stanley, Al Stanley, Bobbie Snipes, Perry Snipes, Rod Kerley.

The Session adopted following priority for undesignated memorial gifts: (1) organ fund, (2) building fund, (3) Dr. and Mrs. Harold Smith scholarship, (4) building and grounds, (5) library, (6) special services fund, (7) special speaker fund.

Disbursements of Louise Vyne Bailey Fund are: (1) Wilkes YMCA, \$1,000; (2) Boy Scouts, \$1,000; (3) Wilkesboro Chapel, \$20,000 to Educational Building to be added to original \$5,000.

The committee appointed by the Session to draw up a resolution completed their task with this statement:

"James Pritchett Barksdale, Jr., pastor of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, died on June 28, 1981, leaving his congregation with an undying memory of a man dedicated to his calling and strong in his faith, and tireless in his devotion and service.

"Born October 16, 1934, in Rocky Mount, N.C., he was educated at Presbyterian College, Syracuse University, and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. After ordination by Concord Presbytery in 1962, James Barksdale served pastorates at Royal Oaks Presbyterian in Kannapolis, St. Paul's Presbyterian and Third Presbyterian in Charlotte before coming to North Wilkesboro in 1970. He also held presbytery, synod, and general assembly posts, most notably as the first chairman of the Coordinating Council of the newly-formed Concord Presbytery, merged from the old Concord, Kings Mountain and Winston-Salem Presbyteries. He is survived by his wife Martha Marler Barksdale and three children, James Pritchett, III, Elisabeth Springer, and John Marler, and his mother, Julia S. Barksdale.

"James Barksdale cared deeply about the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church and its associated groups, the Wilkesboro Presbyterian Chapel and Beulah Presbyterian Church, and strove to make them stronger and more effective. With keen intellect and forceful personality, he summoned congregation and community to the work at hand, insistent that indifference and mediocrity were equally unacceptable before God. He set high standards for himself and expected no less from those around him, and by his attitude he brought out the best in himself and in them.

"Always articulate, James Barksdale never spoke more clearly than in the final days of his fourteen months' struggle with cancer. As his congregation, friends, and family sought to ease his suffering he used his illness to teach an indelible lesson as to how a Christian faces death. His strong faith, his deep concern for those being left behind and his unswerving acceptance steadied and sustained all who knew him.

"As his congregation mourns his passing and continues the work he led for eleven years, it hears James Barksdale's challenge in the dismissal with which he most often closed the Sunday morning worship service:

"Go from this place in quest of meaning, secure in the purpose of God, and resolved that the human race yearns for peace and good will. Go from this place to establish justice, to affirm integrity, to abolish ignorance, to replenish the waste places, to heal the anguished, to challenge the arrogant, and to exalt the humble. Go from this place with a wisdom that transcends knowledge, a compassion that sets no bounds, and a vision uncommonly seen. Go with God and be thankful."

"To which the congregation replies, now as then, "And you, too."

Our new Christian Education staff is: superintendent, Mary Louise Clements; asst. superintendent, John Hubbard; general secretary, Marcella Church; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Finley; preschool division chairman, Carol Hartley; teachers: Daisy Myers, Bobbie Snipes, Hilda Holder, Edith Murphy, Dixie Horne, Jane Bouchelle, Doris Berry, Larry Hall, Cathy McElwee, Marcella Church, Nancy Miller; elementary division chairman, Kay Myers; teachers: Gerald Lankford, Ruth McCachren, Janet Sink, Mary Elmore Finley, J. Perry Snipes, Linda Lankford; youth division chairman, Joan Dalrymple; teachers: Betty Powell, Bill Brooks, Ted Hall, Joe and Debbie Bowman, Joanne and Bob Beeson, Gordon Finley, Myra and Eddie Carrigan, Betty Thompson; college and career, Ed Gregory; covenant life, Jane West; vanguard class, Norma Stevenson, president; pairs and spares, Rod Kerley; 3M class, Charles Whitesides, president; cradle roll, DeEtte Mason; librarian, Mary Elmore Finley.

Our present enrollment at Sunday School is 253; enrollment at Wilkesboro Chapel is 17, total 270.

Perfect attendance by Daisy Myers, Elizabeth Finley, and Parks Church.

On October 11, Union Theological Seminary had a representative, Dr. Charles Swezy, asst. professor of Christian ethics, as guest minister at our church. He was part of a caravan bringing 60 representatives to Concord Presbytery churches, reflecting Seminary's desire to maintain warm ties with Presbyterians in North Carolina.

New deacons elected on October 11th were Thomas Bowman, Carolina Finley, Frank Hartley, Bill McElwee, III, J. Perry Snipes, and Bill Underwood.

The Session approved the proposed budget of \$146,863.35 as our challenge for 1982. It also approved \$1,000 to Wilkes Cares, and \$300 to Sara Dixon missionary project from Louise Vyne Bailey Trust Fund. The elders approved also a contract with Claude Foster Co. for construction of the Wilkesboro Chapel Educational Building at a cost of \$57,000.

Session received a report on November 8th from Sam Vickery, chairman of pastor nominating committee, that the committee is in process of reviewing data and making trips to hear prospective ministers. The Session also directed clerk of Session to write a letter to Marcella Church in appreciation of her contribution as church visitor.

A resolution to Jackie Hall was also written during the year: "Jacqueline Davis Hall has been director of Christian Education at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church for the last thirteen years. To this role she gives enthusiasm, intelligence, organizational ability, and above all, conviction and commitment. Our young people have a friend and mentor in her, volunteer teachers and advisors a guide, Sunday School classes a relevant and theologically sound director, and all other church activities a willing participant. A radiant warmth and thoroughness enhance all that she does."

"Broader recognition of her ability is regularly reflected in appointments to Presbytery committees and panels, and throughout her career she has given her family its full share of her love and attention.

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"Circumstances during the past two years have necessitated even larger duties in our church life for Jackie Hall, and because she has carried them out with exceptional sensitivity, the Diaconate and Session wish to commend her on behalf of the entire congregation.

"When our late minister, James P. Barksdale, Jr., was stricken with cancer in April, 1980, it was a grave blow to all of us. The nature of his illness caused many adjustments. The traditional comforter became the one to be comforted, the giver needed to be given to, the helper to be helped. To the emotional stresses thus engendered, administrative ones could have been added as unavoidable interruptions to his schedules ensued.

"That our congregational and individual needs were recognized and directed to appropriate resources; that Mr. Barksdale was kept informed and his counsel heeded; that all problems and plans were addressed - in sum, that our religious work did not flounder during this trying period - can be attributed to many who gave generously more of themselves and their talents; of those Jackie Hall stands prominent. She listened, she heard, she coordinated, she channeled, and when Dr. Robert Kirkpatrick arrived as interim pastor, she was his ready reference book on the church. Throughout, she has kept her own area of church activity strong and vital.

"It is the hope of the Session and Diaconate that Mrs. Hall will long remain our director of Christian Education and that our appreciation is voiced again many times. Now we want her to know that for all she has done during this critical passage, we will always remember and be grateful.

Robert Kirkpatrick, Moderator of Session

Bob C. Thompson, Clerk of Session

Betty Thompson, Chairman, Board of Deacons

Date, November 8, 1981"

Community Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening, November 28th, was in our sanctuary sponsored by the Wilkes Ministerial Association. We were asked to give our sister churches a big Presbyterian welcome. We were also asked to be extra generous in our offering on Thanksgiving morning to Barium Springs for Children and Grandfather Home for Children because of inflation, and to bring canned goods for a big "pounding" for Wilkes Cares.

The confirmation class began the first of December with Betty Powell the teacher again. The students beginning this three months of exploring the Christian faith are: Blair Mauldin, Karen Rusch, Michelle Caldwell, Suzanne Tisdale, and LeDell Winslow.

On Sunday, December 6th, there was a churchwide event, "Christ--A Christmas Blessing" in which there were Christmas crafts for all ages, music by Children's Choir, Christmas story by Senior Highs, and a snack supper. Those who made this day so special were Mozelle Spainhour, craft director; Harry Page, chmn., Christian Education; Karen and Lowell Bushong, Marcella and Parks Church, Katheryn and Richard Holt, Martha and Al Searcy, Janet and Charlie Sink, Louise and Sam Vickery, Margi and Chuck Turner, Carol and Frank Hartley, Debbie and Bryan Goad, Catherine Wilson, Nancy Church, Debbie Davis, Carolina Finley, Florence Gwyn, Jean Page, and Lena Page. Our thanks also to Senior High Fellowship, to Mary Louise Clements for music, Cathy McElwee, Mary Elmore Finley and the Children's Choir.

Our senior highs conducted the worship service on December 13th, while Dr. Kirkpatrick was on leave. Those who participated were: leader, John Myers; welcome, Mike Bouchelle; prayer of confession and declaration of pardon, Jeff Church; scripture reading, Robin Beeson; duet: Jenny Holt, flute, and Ann Duffy, piano; children's message, Barbara Thompson; prayer, Sharon Bouchelle; message, Katie Finley; dismissal, Polly Tisdale; ushers: Mike Bouchelle, Jeff Church, Kim Rusch, and Barbara Thompson.

Instead of a Joy Gift tea for the women this year, we had a Joy Gift supper on December 20th. Our traditional Christmas Eve Communion service, Christmas caroling, Christmas cantata was held on that same day. The Sam Vickerys entertained the Chancel Choir with a big Christmas dinner on December 16th.

Dr. Kirkpatrick thanked the members of Session who rotated off December 31st: Gordon Finley, Ted Hall, Dorothy Lewis, Harry Page, and Bob Thompson.

Boy Scout Troop 336 received National Camping award and Honor Unit award at Wilkes District banquet. Troop erected a trophy case in the Fellowship Hall for displaying all its many awards, trophies, and ribbons. They have received three red and two yellow ribbons at Raven Knob, Wilkes District Camporee April 11th and 12th. They are the blue ribbon winner for tenth consecutive year at Old Hickory Council Scout-a-Rama. Chet Barksdale received Eagle Scout award on May 31st and his father, Jim Barksdale, was present to see him receive it. Paul Yale also received the Eagle Scout award. Troop 336 took 44 boys to Raven Knob on July 12th. Steve Johnson earned a special Eagle award at Court of Honor.

Girl Scout Troop 127 and friends completed a puzzle of a West German scene as an "International Friendship" project. It had 3,332 pieces and measured 51" by 34", and was on display at the home of Isabella Gibbs, troop leader.

New members received in 1981 were: Eddie Carrigan, Jr., from Wilkesboro Methodist; Mrs. Nellie Gabriel Hobson from North Wilkesboro Methodist; Joe Bowman from First Presbyterian, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Debbie Bowman from Grace Moravian, Mt. Airy; Mrs. Carol Childers from First Presbyterian, Lumberton; Edith Murphy from West Raleigh Presbyterian; Mrs. Ellen Osborne from Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, S. C.; Richard Osborne, The Tower Presbyterian, China Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. (Marcia) Major from St. Paul's Episcopal, Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. (Claudia) Tisdale from Glenn Memorial Methodist, Atlanta; Mrs. Kenneth L. (Nancy) Miller from Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Asheville; Mrs. James K. (Lorraine) Ford, Jr. from Sag Harbor Methodist, Sag Harbor; Mrs. James (Margaret) McLaren, Jr. from Knollwood Baptist, Winston-Salem; Robert James McLaren, First Presbyterian, Towanda, Pa.; Mrs. James N. Trice, Jr. (Patricia Broyhill), First Presbyterian, Raleigh; James M. Trice, Jr. from St. Luke's United Methodist, Denton, Md.; and Mrs. Harry (Nancy) Underwood, Cheryl Elizabeth Underwood, Salisbury Presbyterian Church, Midlothian, Va.

1981 congregational deaths were John Kelly, Wilkesboro Chapel, on Jan. 3rd, Mrs. Mae Morton on Jan. 16th, John Robert Church on Feb. 28th, Marvin Warren on April 3rd, Robert Kite on April 6th, Mrs. Eloise Mitchell on April 26th, Rev. James P. Barksdale on June 28th, Mrs. Kate Robinson McDiarmid on July 11th, and Mrs. Lewis M. (Ellen) Nelson on Nov. 3rd.

We dismissed only two this year, Wayne Thomas Steele, and Mrs. Sylvia Holder Day.

We did not have many babies either: William Anderson, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Suezi) Long on Feb. 19th; Allison Margaret to Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Barbara) Hayes on May 24th; also two little girls adopted by the Tim Davis family.

Congratulations, too, to our newly-weds: Kimberley Smith Hudson to Vincent Harold Shumate, by Dr. John Wayland in our sanctuary, on April 26th; Katherine Ann Rusch to David Keith Walmer on May 16th in our sanctuary by Dr. Kirkpatrick; Angela Katherine Ogilvie to Tommy Oliver Hedgepeth on July 25th in our sanctuary; John Keith Garrett to Leasa Felts, First Baptist, Wilkesboro, on Aug. 22nd.

Baptized children welcomed to the Lord's table were: Gregory David Bauguess, Ann Kendal Finley, Carol Kyles Finley, Mary Rebecca Finley, Melissa Beth Kilby, and Jeffrey David Payne.

## 1982

New Year's Day had the "hush of anticipation." Like wise runners we "get set" by giving our minds and spirits to the Master's plan for the year ahead. "We are ready, Lord, may your Holy Spirit give us a fresh vision of the way we should run our race, and may we find you running with us daily. Amen."

Thanks to all chairmen and members of committees who served in 1981. The work of our church went well. Thanks particularly to Bob Thompson, who for six years has been clerk of session, a demanding office, in which he has been faithful.

To all officers and deacons whose term of office has expired, the congregation proffers its deep appreciation. To our new officers, we promise our support and encouragement. They are: elders: Clay Bauguss, Walter Hobson, Sam Ogilvie, Betty Thompson, and Catherine Wilson; and deacons: Tom Bowman, Carolina Finley, Frank Hartley, J. Perry Snipes, and William J. Underwood.

Special offering totals for 1981 were Community Thanksgiving to Wilkes Cares, \$363.50; Grandfather Home & Glade Valley, \$390.88; Joy Gift \$373.11; Matthew 25 offering \$562.97.

Total amount pledged for this year, 1982, was \$10,589.00, or 7% short of challenge budget.

The Pulpit committee worked hard visiting and interviewing ministers all the Sundays in January. We asked that the Holy Spirit continue to guide Sam Vickery, Katie Finley, Dorothy Lewis, Virginia Spainhour, Gordon Ogilvie, and Dr. R. G. Taylor in their work.

Every year the Women of the Church make cookies to send to all our college students for Valentine's Day, then get together to sort and box. As a result our students are remembered with a large assortment of "goodies" which tend to make them very popular on the college halls.

Witness covered dish supper was on February 16th. The speaker this year was Tom Stewart, associate director of the Medical Benevolence Foundation. The offering is to go for a diesel pump for our hospital in Bulate, Zaire, where there is no water.

Our Church School classes K-Junior High, will begin a six Sunday special series on "We Presbyterians." Teachers have been recruited for this special study. Senior Highs and adults will begin their four Sundays in March on a corresponding study, "Presbyterian Heritage - A Tradition of Covenant."

Sessional committees are: Adult Ministries, Martha Parker, chmn., Susan Broach, Vania Forehand, Karen Hall; Church Staff, Michael Brown, chmn., Kay Myers, Jim Bouchelle, Mary Taylor; Committment, Walter Hobson, chmn., Doris Berry, Bill Elder, Elizabeth H. Finley, Nellie Hobson, Gerald Lankford, Annie Winkler; Home and Family nurture, Paul Cashion, chmn., Carol Aita, Myra Carrigan, Debbie Davis, Rod Kerley, Billie Stanley, Betty Underwood; Christian Education, Catherine Wilson, chmn., Jim Bouchelle, Eddie Carrigan, Mary Louise Clements, Joan Dalrymple, Carol Hartley, Gaither Keener, Suezi Long, Kay Myers, Arnold Simpson, Harry Underwood, Jackie Hall, DCE; Congregational Care, Doug McElwee, chmn., Carol Baugess, Marcella Church, Lou Fleagle, Blair Gwyn, Carol Hartley, Frank Hartley, Dulce Kite, Dorothy Lewis, Norma Stevenson, Annie Winkler, Betty Winslow; Weekday School, Bob Powell, chmn., Ted Hall, co-chmn., Karolen Bowman, Debbie Goad, Ellen Rhyne, Al Searcy, Martha Searcy; Recruitment, Clay Bauguss, chmn., Suzy Kerley; Wilkes Cares, Joan Brown, chmn., Debbie Goad, Cathy McElwee, Chuck Turner, Bob Vickery, Janie Thompson; Witness committee, Sam Ogilvie, chmn., Doris Berry, Gordon Finley, Jr., Bill and Ruth McCachren, Gordon and Irma Ogilvie, Jeannie Ogilvie, Bobbie and Perry Snipes, Louise and Sam Vickery; Worship committee, Mary Louise Clements, chmn., Douglas Winslow, co-chmn., Martha Barksdale, Grace McIver, Tim Davis, Chuck Myers, Skip Parker, Miss Ellen Robinson, Margi Turner; Youth Ministries, Betty Thompson, chmn., Karen Bushong, Margie Edgerton, Katheryn and Richard Holt, Harry and Jean Page, Nancy Simpson, Barbara Thompson.

Diaconate committees are: Budget and Finance, Syd Spainhour, chmn., Bill McElwee, III, Bob Thompson, Bob Berry, Gaither Keener, Mary Taylor, Harry Underwood; Ushering, J. Perry Snipes, chmn., Bob Beeson, Neil Cashion, Jr., Harry Galifianakis, Perry Snipes;

Service, Ed Gregory, chmn., Linda Lankford, Kay Myers; Building and Grounds, Frank Hartley, chmn., Bob Berry, Joe Bowman, Rod Kerley, Robert Meade, Jane Ogburn, Arnold Simpson, Jim Trice, Chuck Turner, Neil Dalrymple; Fellowship, David Baugess, chmn., Tom Bowman, Mildred Brooks, Leonard Brooks, Lowell Bushong, Jane Daniel, Ann Duffy, Arthur Lankford, Gordon Ogilvie, Sr., Rasma and Bill Rusch, Nancy Simpson, Carolyn and Larry Webb, Jane West; Stewardship, Carolina Finley, chmn., Henry Church, Ellie and Dick Griffin, Bill Long, Jack Ragland, Bill Underwood; Memorials Gift committee, Michael Brown, Roberta Marsh, Louise Vickery; Library committee, Grace McIver, chmn., Jane Bouchelle, Rod Kerley, Ann Ortosky, Jean Page, Jane West; chairman of Board of Deacons, Al Stanley, secretary, Linda Lankford.

The Witness Season offering amounted to \$2,116.70, with \$1,000 to go for the water pump at Zaire, and \$116.70 to go to the regular mission board budget.

Admission to the Lord's table of baptized children learning event for parents and children was held on Sunday, March 7th. Those who helped were Carol Baugess, Carolina Finley, Chris Fleagle, Nellie Hobson, Kay Myers, Jean and Harry Page, Margi Turner, Eloise Wells, Catherine Wilson and the Women of the Church Dinner committee.

Wilkesboro Chapel members were involved in purchasing Bibles and hymnals for their sanctuary and new Christian Education Building.

Dulce Kite took over cradle roll held by DeEtte Mason for last few years. Each newly baptized baby is announced by a rose near the pulpit and is given a wooden crib cross and a book for parents. The children also receive birthday cards until they are two years old.

On April 4th the congregation voted unanimously to issue a call to Dr. Robert C. Evans, III to be our pastor, effective July 1, 1982. A graduate of N. C. State University and Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Evans is married to Lavinia Vann Evans, and they have one son, Samuel Vann, age 6. He comes to us from Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville.

April 8th was Maundy Thursday Communion and reception of Matthew 25 offering for the needy in our community. On Sunday, April 11th, Easter breakfast, Easter services and "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering took place. Flowers were brought and placed on the cross outside on the front lawn and Easter lilies surrounded the pulpit.

The Women of the Church were host for Presbytery training session on the birthday objective, led by interpreter, Sarah Hobson. All Personal Faith and Family Life, Christian Community Action chairpersons from our church and surrounding area churches were present.

The following were thanked for teaching the Presbyterian Heritage series: Kay Myers, kindergarten; Nellie and Walter Hobson, grade 1; Carol Childers, Ann Ortosky, grade 2 and 3; Debbie and Bryan Goad, 4-6 grades; Annie Winkler, grades 7-9 and also for the walking tour; H. M. Parker, Jr., grades 10-12 and all adult classes; Jane West, publicity.

Congratulations to the congregation of Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church (Wilkesboro Chapel) who have paid completely for construction of their new Christian Education Building. Our members were invited to attend the dedication service on May 16th. The Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church was established in 1837; its present church was built in 1849-50, first Presbyterian church in Wilkes County. The dedication services of this new building was coordinated by a joint ministry committee from Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro: Aiji Tashiro, Judy Shepherd, Richard Sheets, Blain Shepherd, Grace Kelly, Florence Gwyn, Dr. Robert Kirkpatrick, Sam Ogilvie, Virginia Spainhour, Bob Thompson, Blair Gwyn.

Karen Hall, daughter of our church and of Jackie Hall, DCE, and Ted Hall, elder, has been accepted under supervision by Presbytery of Concord Candidates committee. This is the first step toward ordination to gospel ministry of PCUS.

Women of the Church birthday celebration was on May 16th with a covered dish supper. We have two projects which will be supported by our offering: Edmarc Hospital for Terminally Ill Children and their families in Suffolk, Va. and Pembroke Area Presbyterian ministry, Robeson County, where low income people (mostly Indians) need more self reliant tools to cope with rising cost of food and necessities. The Dinner committee was thanked for the church dinner: Martha Searcy, Karen Bushong, Debbie and Bryan Goad;

Polly and Bobby Tisdale for keeping nursery; Cecile Meade for the beautiful and tasty birthday cake. The offering amounted to \$488.00.

Mrs. Jackie Hall, director of Christian education, was granted a six months leave of absence to rest and recuperate from persistent back pain.

There was a luncheon honoring the Kirkpatricks June 13th in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Women of the Church on their last Sunday in our church. We sincerely appreciated the thirteen months Bob and Rosemary were here serving our church as interim minister and his wife. They left saying that this past year was the happiest year of their lives and they thanked God for every remembrance. "We were strangers and you took us in, you loved us and shared yourself with us."

Our high school graduates were Robin Beeson, Andrea Tomlin, Katie Finley, John Myers, Kimberly Searcy, Barbara Thompson, and Paul Yale.

Our college graduates: Julie Berry, Catawba Valley Tech; Neil Brown, Wilkes Community; Cam Finley, Wilkes Community; Ivan Forehand, N. C. State; Caroline Hubbard, UNC-Chapel Hill; Stephen Johnson, Wilkes Community; Marty Mustian, Duke; Sandra Ording, Davidson; Kathryn Tisdale, Appalachian State; Mary M. Walker, Appalachian State; and Rebecca Jane West, Lenoir-Rhyne.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper was welcomed back to our pulpit on June 27th. During their thirty-plus years in North Wilkesboro, the Coopers became well loved and respected and we enjoyed having them with us again. Mr. Cooper is retired and they live in Graham. He is the author of two books, one on his boyhood days and the other on his years as a chaplain in the Seabees during World War II.

Doris Berry, Jane Bouchelle and Marcella Church attended North Carolina Woman's Conference at Montreat, June 10th-13th.

Present from our church on Concord Presbytery's examination of Dr. Robert C. Evans, III, at Lees-McRae College, Friday, June 18th, were Martha and Chet Barksdale, Mike Bouchelle, Mary Louise Clements, Blair Gwyn, Jackie Hall, Carol and Frank Hartley, Dorothy Lewis, Lewis Nelson, Martha and Skip Parker, Miss Ellen Robinson, Mozelle Spainhour, Betty Thompson, Janie Thompson, Sam Vickery, Catherine Wilson, Rosemary and Bob Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Evan's wife, Lavinia and son, Vann

Dr. Evans and his family moved into the manse July 1st and began his ministry among us.

Again, the Kirkpatricks wrote us: "As if just being with you and knowing you were not enough, now you have made it possible for a long time dream to come true. For many years, we helped support a Christian radio station in Quito, Ecuador, and have wanted to visit. We look forward to this trip to Quito in October. Bob and Rosemary."

And from the Evans: "We, the family of the manse, extend our heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses rendered during our move from Fayetteville to North Wilkesboro. You have been so kind in making the move a smooth one. We appreciate the help getting us unloaded, the pantry full of good things to eat, the support at my reception of Presbytery, and warmth of being welcomed. We are not completely used to seeing red clay and mountains, and driving up and down hills, but we know we will soon adjust to our new home. We feel blessed and privileged to have been called to serve the Lord with you and look forward to a fruitful ministry together. Sincerely, Rob, Lavinia and Vann Evans."

We had another highly successful Bible school, a week of study, projects, fellowship and fun. "Living in God's Love" was the theme and 62 children attended.

On July 4th, we heard our new preacher, Dr. Evans, for the first time. We had communion and Rob's meditation on "If I Had But One Sermon to Preach." It was a great day and a great feeling to have a called minister once again in our pulpit.

The Fellowship committee asked the Evanses to be our special guests at churchwide day in the park on July 11th at Smoot Park. It was fun and a good chance for the congregation and the Evanses to put names and faces together.

Our librarian, Mary Elmore Finley, and her committee, have been busy reprocessing and rearranging books. They asked that all books be returned as a large number are missing. They hope to make the library easier to use, with a book location directory.

Six of our young people attended Camp Grier this summer: John Barksdale, Allen Broach, Derik Broach, Carol Finley, Kendal Finley, and Lena Peterson.

Because of our long association with Dr. John T. Wayland, assoc. pastor of North Wilkesboro Baptist Church, we were invited to a reception in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Wayland. Dr. Wayland has been many times in our pulpit and has married and buried members of our church family.

Congregational Care committee offered a study course on intercessory prayer to all interested persons for six weeks on Tuesdays, beginning August 17th. It was taught by Jane West with the book, "Prayer Ministry of the Church" by Watchman Nee.

Women of the Church have a new crisis committee with Vania Forehand, chmn., with co-chmn. Sue Clements and Dulce Kite, Florence Gwyn, Claudia Tisdale, Joanne Beeson, Ethel Seabright, Martha Searcy, Elaine McCord. They are there to act in regard to emergency family needs such as help in preparing meals due to illness of parent, meals after a death when no member of family is affiliated with a circle; transportation to doctor, to drugstore, or emergency shopping; temporary relief from child care duties in an emergency.

The following women attended Concord Presbytery's Spiritual Life Retreat at Lees-McRae College: Rebecca Boland, Jane Daniel, Debbie Davis, Jane Bouchelle, Jane West, Marcella Church, and Vania Forehand. The speaker was Dr. Charles E. S. Kraemer, former president of Presbyterian School of Christian Education. We also had a number attending Presbytery's workshop at Mooresville in August.

Sincere thanks to 1981-82 Christian Education staff who rotated out after two years of service to their church: Mary Louise Clements, Dixie Horne, Larry Hall, Nancy Miller, Kay Myers, J. Perry Snipes, Mary Elmore Finley, Betty Powell, Rod Kerley, Gordon Finley, Ted Hall, and Betty Thompson. On Sunday, September 19th, the 1981-82 and 1982-83 volunteer teachers and advisors had breakfast in their honor.

Annual Church School report was given by Elizabeth C. Finley, recording secretary. Those having perfect attendance among the adults were Parks Church, Mary Louise Clements, Blair Gwyn, Daisy Myers, and Paul Warren. Present enrollment is 239, plus 20 from Wilkesboro. We had 200 present on the Sunday before Christmas.

New Christian Education staff for 1982-83 is superintendent, John Hubbard; asst. superintendent, Marcella Church; general secretary, Rodney Kerley; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Finley; other division superintendents, teachers, and workers: Carol Hartley, Daisy Myers, Bobbie Snipes, Hilda Holder, Edith Murphy, Jane Bouchelle, Barbara Thompson, Cathy McElwee, Barbara Gregory, Mike Brown, Ruth Ford, Larry Hall, Lou Fleagle, Bonnie Hurd, Ruth McCachren, Gerald Lankford, Janet Sink, Linda Lankford, Nancy Underwood, Mike Ortosky, Joan Dalrymple, Betty Winslow, Bill Brooks, Virginia Spainhour, Betty Thompson, Bryan Goad. Individual class presidents are College and Career, Carol Baugess; Covenant Life, Jane West, Men's Bible Class, Blair Gwyn; Vanguard Class, Norma Stevenson; Pairs and Spares, Harry Underwood; 3M Class, H. M. Parker, Jr.; Cradle Roll, Dulce Kite, and Librarian, Mary Elmore Finley.

Women of the Church officers who were installed Sept. 26th are: president, Marcella Church; 1st vice president, Ellen Rhyne; 2nd vice president, Douglas McElwee; secretary Billie Bridges; treasurer, Margi Turner; historian, Linda Lankford; personal faith and family life, Virginia Spainhour; Christian community action, Judy Shell; ecumenical missions and relations, Doris Berry; leadership and resources, Nancy Underwood; circle leaders: Jane Bouchelle, Janie Thompson, Dorothy Lewis, Katheryn Holt, Mae Bauguss, Catherine Wilson, and Cecile Meade.

"The pony express is coming to our church!" Thus a new stewardship campaign is heralded. In it an estimate of giving card will be delivered to each home of church members in a saddlebag. After filling in card, the member will seal and place it back in the bag, which is then relayed to another member.

Special adult forums on issues threatening stability of today's families were held in some classes in October, with the theme: "The Average Family" led by Myra Carrigan, psychiatric social worker, New River Mental Health Center, Wilkesboro. Topics and speakers were: "Stress Management Dual Careers," Dr. Nancy Neale, DSW instructor at Appalachian State University; "Television's Impact on Family Values," Dr. Scott Cutting, clinical psy-

chologist, Morganton; "Typical Family Crisis in Life Cycle," Steve Snipes, mental health social worker, New River Mental Health, Wilkesboro.

The Session authorized annual payment of \$600 from the Louise Vyne Bailey Trust Fund to Theresa W. Whittington toward her work with the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Dr. Evans will teach a new Bible class for adults open to any one who would like a refresher course. He also will meet with all interested Bible study teachers on Sunday afternoons before Tuesday circle meetings.

The Junior High Church School class assisted with morning worship services on October 31st. We were proud of Ted Davis, Linda Duffy, Carol Finley, Kendal Finley, Zach Galifianakis, Scott Eikenberry, Lena Peterson, Bobby Tisdale, Stephen Tomlin, Chris Griffin, Laura Bushong, Richard Searcy, Dottie Sue Berry, Heather Barr, Darren Bouchelle, Suzanne Tisdale, Karen Duffy, LeDell Winslow, Michelle Caldwell, Cheryl Underwood. Betty Thompson, Virginia Spainhour and Bill Brooks are their teachers.

We had an outstanding response to this year's stewardship campaign. We had 160 families reporting, and slightly exceeded our budget of '83. A total of \$157,198.80 was the total estimate. We celebrated with a church covered dish supper on November 14th.

The Joy Gift Tea this year was at the manse with our hostess, Lavinia Evans.

Our church Christmas celebration was on Sunday, December 19th, consisting of construction of a family Christmas calendar, snack supper, children's Christmas pageant, "Stranger in the Straw." A big thank you to Lavinia Evans, Karen Worley, Judy Shell, Mary Louise Clements, and Ellen Lipscomb for helping the children present this pageant; and to Mozelle Spainhour, Jane West, Dot Lewis, Sam Vickery for directing the makings of the Christmas calendars. We also thank the Sam Vickerys for entertaining the Chancel Choir in their home.

On Sunday morning, December 19th, the Chancel Choir presented the Christmas Cantata "Childe Jesus." Our soloists were Gordon Finley, Harold Thompson, David Brooks, Al Stanley, Ellen Lipscomb, Ruth McCachren, Steve Snipes. A trio of Karen Worley, Lavinia Evans and Viki Taylor also sang. A special thanks to Mary Louise Clements, director, and the Choir for their excellent message in music.

The Junior Highs had a Christmas party at the Bob Beesons; Senior Highs went to the Harry Galifianakises and the 4-5 year olds took canned goods and children's clothes to Wilkes Cares and afterwards had a party at the church. We had our usual meaningful Christmas Eve Communion service, the passing of the peace, and this year we had a candle-lighting. We are most grateful this Christmas for our pastor, Dr. Robert C. Evans, III.

The pulpit cloth is a result of ideas and work of several people in our congregation and given by them as a gift to the church. Spelled across the cloth are the Hebrew letters, **Shalom** meaning peace. It is appropriate that it is to be displayed for the first time the night we celebrate Christ's birth.

Boy Scout Troop 336 news: the troop was named at the annual Wilkes District banquet as honor troop and as a recipient of a National Camping award; had an interesting exhibit in window of downtown store commemorating the 72nd anniversary of Boy Scouts of America; in March, troop had 54 scouts enrolled, the Council's largest troop. They contributed 150 hours to Muscular Dystrophy Funding. They won three blue ribbons at Wilkes District Camporee; won 12th consecutive designation as Honor Troop at Camp Raven Knob, earning total of 575 points and 206 merit badges. John Barksdale was chosen Honor Camper; Zach Galifianakis tapped into Order of the Arrow; Darren Bouchelle and Steven Eikenberry members of the week's Honor Patrol. They won 11th consecutive blue ribbon in Scout-a-Rama Pioneering Division in May. John C. Myers received the Eagle Scout award.

Girl Scout Troop 127 sponsored a bake sale, money earned to be used for community projects, educational trips and to support a child in Taiwan.

New members received in our church during the year: Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Carol) Aita by profession of faith; Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Carolyn) Webb from Chester United Methodist, Chester, Va.; Sue Moring Clements, from Myers Park Presbyterian, Charlotte; Mrs. Ora Keener, from North Newton Baptist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. (Velda) Corle from First United Presbyterian, Dubois, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. George (Linda) Lashley from W. Burlington Church of the Nazarene; Mrs. Noah (Rebecca) Boland, First United Methodist,

North Wilkesboro; Thomas Edward Jones, profession of faith; Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas (Karen) Worley, Jefferson United Methodist Church; Karen Duffy, Suzanne Tisdale, and LeDell Winslow, profession of faith; Mrs. Robert (Lavinia) Evans, III from Sunnyside Presbyterian, Fayetteville; Mrs. Charles (Janet) Sink, III from Mountain View Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. John (Mildred) Hoffman from McNeely Memorial Presbyterian, Dallas, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick (Ellen) Lipscomb from Providence Baptist, Raleigh; Wilkesboro Chapel Confirmation Class is Danny Hunt, Lucretia Pennell, Melanie Pennell, Lisa Foster, Dane R. Harrison, and Emily Hunt. Rev. and Mrs. Guy Hunt, Jr. from Ebenezer Presbyterian Church are new members.

1982 roll of baptized children welcomed to the Lord's table: David Broach, Derik Broach, John Barksdale, Tim Davis, Jr., Jeffrey Davis, Arthur Lankford, Ted Lankford, Frances Lankford, Julie Webb, Brian Keith Webb, Christopher Fleagle, and Julie Martha Goad.

We dismissed the following: Edward Fleagle, Mr. and Mrs. David (Dorothy) Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Barbara) Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. John (Carol) Stout, Mrs. Judith Bloomfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton (Karen) Shurtliffe.

After losing so many good people by death the last few years, we were thankful that we just lost two this year: Mrs. William C. (Rebecca or "Mose") Grier who died on November 24th, and Mr. William C. (Mr. Billy) Grier who died on December 29th. Mr. Grier was a long time elder, Sunday School teacher, trustee of the church, and a good friend to everybody.

Our 1982 babies: Jeffrey David, to Mr. and Mrs. James MacLaren on February 21st; David Neil, to Drs. Karolen and Tom Bowman on July 24th; Martin Schmidt, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Petesy Gwyn) Schmidt on March 7th (non-resident).

Marriages: Christine Mays Parker to John Michael Atwood in Winston-Salem, March 20th; Kate Robbins Ogilvie to Robert Andrew Whitley, in sanctuary by Dr. Kirkpatrick on April 24th; Pamela Lee Page and Thomas Edward Jones reaffirmed vows to Dr. Kirkpatrick in sanctuary on May 1st; Margaret Smith Horne to Robert W. Bradley, Tucson, Az., on March 26th; Bea Jodi Reinhardt to William B. Church on July 10th; Linda Whitesides to Ernest E. Cotton on July 10th; Marolyn Brooks Irving to Glenn Johnson; Melanie Lovette to Rodney Alvin Johnson on Aug. 8th in church sanctuary; Robert W. Vickery to Jennifer Ann McCann; and Lanny Wiles to Susan Summerall in Maryland on July 24th.

## 1983

Our church staff in 1983: Minister, Dr. Robert C. Evans, III; DCE, Jackie D. Hall; Secretary, Mae Shatley; Director of Music, Mary Louise Clements; Director of Weekday School, Kay Myers; Treasurer, Robert C. Berry; Asst. Treasurer, Bob C. Thompson; Sexton, Dudley Waugh; and Missionary, Sara Dixon.

The Session at the beginning of the year: Class of 1983: Michael Brown, Mary Louise Clements, Edward S. Finley, W. Blair Gwyn, and Douglas McElwee; Class of 1985: Paul Cashion, Martha Parker, Robert Powell, Mozelle Spainhour, and Douglas Winslow; Class of 1987: Clay Bauguss, Walter Hobson, Sam Ogilvie, Catherine Wilson; and Betty Thompson; Dr. Robert C. Evans, III, Moderator, and Edward S. Finley, Clerk.

The 1983 Diaconate: Class of 1983: Neil Cashion, Jr., Neill Dalrymple, Jr., Edgar B. Gregory, Gordon Ogilvie, and Syd Spainhour; Class of 1985: David Bauguss, Linda Lankford, John C. Ragland, Al Stanley, and Bill Underwood; Class of 1987: Tom Bowman, Carolina Finley, Frank Hartley, Bill McElwee, III, and J. Perry Snipes.

The first Sunday of the new year we celebrated the Lord's Supper; Dr. Evans and Blair Gwyn served in afternoon to homebound members.

1983 Confirmation Class had an opening retreat on January 8th at the home of Betty Powell. They will meet each Sunday through March during Sunday School. Elder sponsors are as follows:

Dottie Sue Berry, Douglas McElwee; Darren Bouchelle, Walter Hobson; Laura Bushong, Mozelle Spainhour; Heather Barr, Edward S. Finley; Christopher Griffin, Blair Gwyn; Arthur Lankford, Clay Bauguss; John David Karry, Catherine Wilson; and Richard Searcy, Mary Louise Clements.

Our church hosted a study meeting on the Plan of Reunion with the United Presbyterian Church on January 8th, arranged by Concord Presbytery for ministers and elders within our area of Presbytery. Clay Bauguss, Mozelle Spainhour, and Catherine Wilson were in charge.

The theme for Witness Season for 1983 is "One in Christ" - one in Christian unity is our business this year. The goal is \$1,300,000, with home getting 20%, \$260,000; overseas, 80% or \$1,040,000. Dr. Jess White, Presbyterian layman from Newton and a gynecologist, was our speaker.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, former pastor of our church, has donated to our church library a copy of his latest book, **Boyhood Years on an Alamance Farm**.

Matthew 25 offering on Christmas Eve amounted to \$1,455.45, used by our Service committee to alleviate local suffering.

A new funeral policy has been adopted by the Session to show honor to the deceased and support of the bereaved: when a member of our congregation dies and the funeral is held in our sanctuary, all members of the Session will sit together, not only to give support to bereaved, but to witness to the community our doctrine of the church as a corporate, visible body of Christ, of which each member is a part.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to study for a few months the expectations and substance of Children's Worship during church hours. Children's Worship to be discontinued until fall, from Feb. 6, 1983. The committee consists of Mary Louise Clements, Linda Lankford, Bob Powell, Bryan Goad, and Kay Myers.

Youth Ministries committee sponsored a sexuality seminar for parents and teens on Feb. 6th with discussion leader Ken Sipes from Florence Crittenton Home, Charlotte.

Dr. Evans was away on a week's study leave from January 30th-February 6th for study and lectures at Union Theological Seminary. We were pleased to have Rev. Watt Cooper, former pastor, preach. Pulpit Exchange Sunday was February 13th with Rev. William Rogers, First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, preaching to us on "How Do I Love Thee?" Dr. Evans was at First United Methodist Church. Women of the Church held a bandage rolling day on February 16th, using discarded sheets. Many of our mission hospitals still have need for these rolled bandages.

New Sessional committees: Adult Ministries, Martha Parker, chmn.; Martha Barksdale, Susan Broach, Mary Cashion, Jane Daniel, Vania Forehand, Karen Hall, Jack Ragland, Dale

Wayne, and Edith Murphy; Christian Education, Catherine Wilson, chmn.; Jim Bouchelle, Joan Dalrymple, Ruth Ford, Carol Hartley, John Hubbard, Gaither Keener, Lola Knox, Suezi Long, Billie Stanley, Harry Underwood, and Jackie Hall, DCE, resource person; Church Staff, Michael Brown, chmn.; Jim Bouchelle, John and Sue Eikenberry, Kay Myers, and Mary Taylor; Library committee, Grace McIver, chmn.; Jane Bouchelle, Rod Kerley, Anne Ortsky, Jean Page, Jane West, and Mary Elmore Finley, librarian (ad hoc committee); Commitment committee, Walter Hobson, chmn.; Bill Elder, Sue Clements, Lib Finley, Nellie Hobson, Katheryn Holt, Gerald Lankford, and Annie Winkler; Congregational Care, Douglas McElwee, chmn.; Carol Baugess, Joanne Beeson, Paul and Jan Brooks, Blair Gwyn, Carol and Frank Hartley, Dulce Kite, Dorothy Lewis, Norma Stevenson, Annie Winkler, and Betty Winslow; Recruitment committee, Clay Bauguss, chmn.; Ted Hall and Suzy Kerley; Home and Family Nurture, Paul Cashion, chmn.; Carol Aita, Myra Carrigan, Harry and Mary Frances Galifianakis, Rod Kerley, Billie Stanley, Betty Underwood, and Jane West; Weekday School, Bob Powell, chmn.; Karolen Bowman, Debbie Goad, Ted Hall, Margaret McLaren, Al and Martha Searcy, and Kay Myers, resource person; Witness committee, Sam Ogilvie, chmn.; Doris Berry, Gordon Finley, Jr., Elaine McCord, Gordon Ogilvie, Jeannie Ogilvie, Bobbie and Perry Snipes, Louise and Sam Vickery, and Irma Ogilvie; Worship committee, Mary Louise Clements, chmn.; Doug Winslow, co-chmn.; Ruth McCachren, Grace McIver, Charles Myers, H. M. Parker, Jr., Ellen Robinson, Nancy Simpson, Virginia Spainhour, and Margi Turner; Youth Ministries, Betty Thompson, chmn.; Karen Bushong, Margie Edgerton, Katheryn and Richard Holt, Harry and Jean Page, Barbara Thompson, and Nancy Simpson.

Diaconate committees: Budget and Finance, Tom Bowman, Ed Gregory, co-chmn.; Bob Berry, Bryan Goad, Charles Sink, Bob Thompson, Betty Winslow, and Karen Worley; Building and Grounds, Gordon Ogilvie, chmn., Jack Ragland, co-chmn.; Joan Brown, Mary Frances Galifianakis, Max Garrett, Mildred Hoffman, Robert Meade, Bill Underwood, and Bob Vickery; Fellowship, J. Perry Snipes, chmn.; Karen and Lowell Bushong, Mildred and Leonard Brooks, Barton and Billie Bridges, Parks Church, Jan Elder, Frank Hartley, Ellen and Bill Lipscomb, Rasma and Bill Rusch, Nancy Underwood, and Louise Vickery; Service committee, David Baugess, chmn.; Lavinia Evans, Margie Edgerton, Linda Lankford, Bill McElwee, Vania Forehand, Ellen Rhyne, and Carolyn and Larry Webb; Stewardship committee, Al Stanley, chmn.; Carolina Finley, co-chmn.; Clay Bauguss, Nancy Church, Neil Dalrymple, Bill Hurd, Jim Knox, Bill Long, Rod Kerley, Arnold Simpson, and Bob Thompson; Memorials committee, appointed by session, February, 1981; Michael Brown, Roberta Marsh, and Cecile Meade; Ushering committee, Bill Underwood, chmn., Neil Cashion, Jr., co-chmn.; John Hoffman, George Lashley, Perry Snipes, and Bob Beeson.

Women of the Church reported that they packed and shipped boxes of homemade goodies for Valentine's Day to our church's thirty-five college students and one service woman; also to ten N. C. college students who are children of PCUS missionaries and to the daughter of the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Zaire.

For four Sundays in March, Dr. Evans had as his theme: "Journey in Search of a Soul" and all senior highs and adults were invited to participate in this special Lenten study, sponsored by the Christian Education committee.

It was decided to have a church pictorial directory with Doug Winslow, Martha Parker, Cotton Hobson, Jan Elder, Carol Baugess and Dulce Kite on its committee.

The bandage rolling day was a big success. Over eleven hundred bandages were sent to the Good Shepherd's Hospital in Zaire.

The Wilkes Ministerial Association sponsored a series of special lunchtime services in late spring at the Wilkesboro Methodist Church. Dr. Evans led one meditation, with our Women of the Church responsible for snack luncheon that day. The Women of the Church sponsored a breakfast and seminar on prayer for all women Sunday, April 24th. So that all women could attend, men were asked to teach their Sunday School classes, and keep the nursery during Sunday School hour. Maie Minnick was our guest speaker.

Easter celebration for children: "What Do These Things Mean?" was held Saturday, March 26th, with children from kindergarten -grade 6 attending. The Easter story, music, learning centers, refreshments, balloon celebration were all a part of this. Those helping were:

Carol Baugess, Darren and Jim Bouchelle, Laura Bushong, Carol Childers, Joan Dalrymple, Ann Duffy, Rob Evans, Carolina Finley, Jackie Hall, Rod and Suzy Kerley, Gaither Keener, Lola Knox, Linda Lankford, Virginia Spainhour, Suzanne Tisdale, Cheryl and Harry Underwood, Carol Hartley, Faye Runnion, and Catherine Wilson. Other Easter services were Palm Sunday processional, Maundy Thursday Communion service, Easter Sunday breakfast, and Easter Sunday worship services featuring communion, special music, and an offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing" for world hunger. Flowers were brought and placed on the cross on lawn.

On Sunday, April 10th, we had "Shine" singers in concert. They are a group of young people from UNC-Charlotte and were sponsored by Worship committee. Janice Hartley, one of our own, is a member of this singing group.

Children's worship resumed in April during the worship service. An ad hoc committee has revised this ministry to serve children in age kindergarten through grade three. In September it will be revised again to grade two.

The Session held a weekend retreat at Lees-McRae College for worship, work and study. It was an effort to draw elders closer as officers of the church and also closer to Christ.

Those who worked on the Women of the Church Prayer seminar were: kitchen: Carol Aita, Linda Lashley, Ellen Lipscomb, Nancy Underwood, Carol Baugess, Syd Spainhour, Jeff Aita, George Lashley, Rod Kerley, David Baugess; flowers: Mozelle Spainhour; special help: Catherine Wilson, Marcella Church, Dudley Waugh, Mae Shatley.

Beginning in June flowers will no longer be routinely placed on communion table during morning worship. Various Christian symbols will be used instead. Anyone wishing to put flowers in the sanctuary as memorials or for special occasions may do so, however.

Robert Meade has come to our rescue once again by making Bible pew racks for the sanctuary and a prayer box across from pastor's study. He also fixed a rocking chair and made a new kitchen center for nursery II.

Jackie Hall, our DCE, is back at work after sick leave undergoing treatment for back pain. Session granted her a new work schedule to accommodate her new medical regimen.

A result of Session's recent retreat is the formation of a statement of purpose for North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. The following statement is the consensus of Session:

"The purpose of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church is to respond to the call of Jesus Christ through: (1) worship; (2) evangelism at home and abroad; (3) mutual love and care for one another and our neighbors; (4) growing in faith by study and fellowship; and (5) further commitment of our lives in witness and service, all to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Miss Ellen Robinson died on May 11th. She was the oldest member of our church, and was the daughter of our first pastor, Rev. C. W. Robinson. Miss Ellen was a source of inspiration to everybody, long active in the music of church and community. She had music pupils almost to the day of her death, and still sang in the choir occasionally. We will miss "Miss Ellen."

To our 1983 graduates we sent congratulations and best wishes. High school graduates were: Sharon Diane Bouchelle, Alan Craig Johnson, Helen Landon, James P. Barksdale, III, Pauline Myra Tisdale. From college: Ann Carol Hartley, UNC-Greensboro; James Smith Horne, UNC-Chapel Hill; Pamela Page Jones, Medical Asst. Wilkes Community; Sara Kathryn Knox, UNC-Chapel Hill; David Franklin Myers, East Carolina; Karen Hall Parsons, Appalachian State; Arnold Glenn Simpson, (MBA) UNC-Chapel Hill; Nancy Rebecca Simpson, Queens College; Thomas Matthew Snipes, UNC-Chapel Hill; Phyllis Ann Thompson, UNC-Greensboro; Mary Morrison Walker, (MBA) Northern Arizona; Richard Holt, Appalachian State; Myra Ragland, (MA) Appalachian State; Jennifer McCann Vickery, (MA) Appalachian State; Keith Garrett, Graduate School, Georgia.

The church has been given a small black teapot handpainted with a picture of our original church building. It belonged to the Rev. C. W. Robinson, a gift on his 85th birthday in 1934 from the children of the church. His granddaughter, Janie McDiarmid Thompson, gave the teapot to the church.

At the June meeting of Concord Presbytery, Karen Hall Parsons came under care of Presbytery as a candidate for gospel ministry. North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church,

where she is a member, has been designated as her sponsoring church. Karen is a daughter of Ted and Jackie Hall.

In our 1983 Vacation Bible School we had 70 students, 35 teachers and helpers.

Several young people went to the Presbytery camp at Camp Grier this summer: John Barksdale, Derik Broach, David Broach, Carol Finley, Kendal Finley, Mary Finley, Merritt Galifianakis, Elizabeth Karry, Lena Peterson, Gray Shell, and Julie Webb.

While Dr. Evans was on vacation, we had two former ministers preach for us, Rev. Watt M. Cooper and Rev. James B. MacLeod.

Jackie Hall was at Purdue University for the 1983 Youth Triennum in July. She was a member of its leadership team and reported on her return that the campus was filled to overflowing with Presbyterian young people from every state and Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada.

Mrs. Patricia Lewis Johnston has been employed as the teacher of two and three year-olds in our Weekday Preschool. She is a former member of this congregation and replaces Mrs. Carolina Finley who has taught there for the past five years.

The following women attended a spiritual life retreat at Lee-McRae: Suzy Kerley, Sue Barr, Jane Bouchelle, Marcella Church, Marolyn Johnson, Donna McNeil, Claudia Tisdale, and Jane West.

Sunday School teachers who rotated out were: Supt. John Hubbard, Asst. Supt. Marcella Church, Carol Hartley, Jane Bouchelle, Barbara Thompson, Cathy McElwee, Gerald Lankford, Ruth McCachren, Janet Sink, Linda Lankford, Joan Dalrymple, Bill Brooks, Joanne and Bob Beeson, Debbie and Joe Bowman, Myra and Eddie Carrigan, Mary Frances and Harry Galifianakis.

A task force was appointed consisting of Ed Finley, Michael Brown, Linda Lankford, Syd Spainhour, and Ed Gregory to study a unicameral system of local church government. In this plan the church would be governed by one body, the session. The 1983 church officers elections were postponed until January, 1984, for this study to be made.

Dr. Evans conducted a Wednesday triangle, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship, for early risers from 7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. with light breakfast and meditation on Biblical text and prayer, and a Bible study lunch hour from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Both of these hours were well received.

All women of the church were invited to an annual meeting and covered dish supper, one of only four meetings a year. They are the annual meeting in September, Joy Gift Tea in December, a program during Mission Season, and the annual Birthday Celebration in May. WOC officers installed during morning worship services on Sept. 18th are: president, Marcella Church; 1st vice president, Ellen Rhyne; 2nd vice president, Joanne Beeson; secretary, Bobbie Dooley; treasurer, Margi Turner; and historian, Linda Lankford. Circle chairmen are: Elizabeth H. Finley, Jan Brooks, Ellen Lipscomb, Lena Page, Grace McIver, Sue Clements, and Cecile Meade. Fall learning event was at First Church in Morganton on Sept. 17th with a good many of our women attending.

The 1983-84 Christian Education staff is: superintendent, Rodney Kerley; asst. supt., Frank Hartley; secretary, Margie Edgerton; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Finley; and teachers: Lola Knox, Hilda Holder, Bobbie Snipes, Daisy Myers, Pam Jones, Carol McAdams, Edith Murphy, Mike Brown, Barbara Gregory, Donna McNeil, Ruth Ford, Larry Hall, Bonnie Hurd, Lavinia Evans, Carolina Finley, Karen Worley, Gaither Keener, Mike Ortosky, Judy Shell, Nancy Underwood, Viki Taylor, J. Perry Snipes, Virginia Spainhour, Betty Winslow, Bryan Goad, Betty Thompson. Junior High Fellowship advisors are: Gordon Finley and Bobbie and Perry Snipes; Senior High Fellowship is advised by Robert Hinman and Debbie and Joe Bowman.

College and Career Class, Carol Baugess; Covenant Life, Jane West; Men's Bible Class, Leonard Brooks, president; 3M Class, Bob Thompson, president, and teachers Eloise Wells, Al Stanley, and Louise Karry; Vanguard Class, Norma Hubbard, president; Pairs and Spares, Harry Underwood and Syd Spainhour; Cradle Roll, Dulce Kite; and Librarian, Mary Elmore Finley. Our present enrollment is 290, plus 25 at Wilkesboro Chapel. Perfect attendance was attained by Vann Evans, Jane West, and Daisy Myers.

On Laity Sunday several lay persons participated in the service: Leigh Griffin, George Lashley, Al Stanley, Marguerite Moore, and Walter Hobson.

The pony express, a stewardship campaign strategy, started up again this year on October 23rd. When the saddlebag reached a member, that person passed it on as soon as possible to the next congregation member in their neighborhood, and let the trailboss know where it was.

To study the unicameral system of local government for our church a committee had been at work for some time; then Sunday School adult classes discussed the findings of this committee, that our church should change over to this unicameral system of government. The issue was voted on at morning worship service on November 6, 1983 and was approved. It will go into effect in February, 1984. Elders who were elected December 4th will serve under the new system. Also David Baugess, W. H. McElwee, III, J. Thomas Bowman, J. Perry Snipes, Linda Lankford, Al Stanley, and William J. Underwood who were serving on the Board of Deacons will now serve adjusted terms as elders. Others elected were Ed Gregory, Dorothy Lewis, Ted Hall, William A. Long, Gaither Keener, and Gordon Ogilvie to serve three-year terms.

Financial pledges for 1984 were \$165,385, 5% greater than the 1983 budget. The Stewardship committee approved benevolent giving for remainder of 1983 in the amount of \$500 each to Hospice of Wilkes, YMCA, Presbyterian Hunger, Union Seminary, and Glade Valley School.

At the Thanksgiving season we joined in a special thanks to Dr. Rob Evans and his family for being such a wonderful part of our church family. They have been at North Wilkesboro Church almost a year and a half now.

For our Advent Festival, which begins four Sundays before Christmas and is a period of preparation for coming of Christ, the symbols are the liturgical color of purple, a round wreath of evergreen with four purple candles and one white Christ candle. This year's festival features a family advent calendar, a children's candy ribbon calendar, and a churchwide snack supper. A thank you to all who helped.

Baptized children who were welcomed to the communion table this year were Kim Tisdale, Erin Taylor, Alan Kerley, and Vann Evans.

With regret we accepted the resignation of Bob Berry as disbursing treasurer after seven years. He was given a plaque and a donation was made to Glade Valley School in his name and honor.

The Session approved a budget of \$170,000 for 1984. It included a \$500 hunger gift to Miskito Indians in Nicaragua and \$475 each to ADAP and Wilkes Cares.

The Service committee led our congregation's participation this Christmas in International House, a program through which we entertain foreign college students in our homes during the holidays from school. Nine students stayed from Dec. 20th to January 2nd. There were square dances, dinners, tours and a variety of other activities while they were here. Our visitors were: Mohomad S. Ai-Assmi, University of Jacksonville, from Oman; Ali Al-Hajrialso, University of Fla, from Oman; Sorel Bosan, Case Western College, from North Cypress; Hakeem Kehinde, Gallaudet College, from Nigeria; Sung Choo Lee and Sung Hee Lee, Ohio University, from S. Korea; Edwin Lin, Cornell University, from Taiwan; Nimrod Shallua, University of Connecticut, from Tansania; and Shigehito Yamada, Illinois State University, from Japan.

Boy Scout Troop 336 news: 1983 is its 52nd year of continuous operation. It is the largest troop in Old Hickory Council, with seventy-one members. It has won National Camping award, National Honor Troop award, Honor Troop Raven Knob for the 13th consecutive year, Blue Ribbon award at the Scout-O-Rama 12th consecutive year, and many other awards. John David Karry, an Eagle award winner from our church and three others from the troop, totaled 38 Eagle Scouts from this troop since Roy Forehand became Scoutmaster in 1969.

New members received in 1983 are: Dr. Thomas M. Musson from First United Presbyterian, Eldorado, Ill.; Mrs. Penny Turner Musson, from Kenilworth Presbyterian, Baltimore; James Robert Elder, Sr. from Eastwood Baptist Church, Charlotte; James E. Almoney, from St. Paul's Congregation Church, Nutley, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Michael L.

(Carol) McAdams from Trinity Presbyterian, Henderson; Mrs. Louise Karry, from Wilkesboro Baptist Church; Clara F. Ogilvie from First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury; Jeannie F. Ogilvie, Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. (Bobbie) Dooley, Jennifer Ann Dooley from Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Marguerite) Moore, First Baptist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy (Mary Jane) Tysinger, Heidelberg United Church of Christ, Thomasville; Robert Hinman, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem; Revis Ann Lovette from Moravian Falls Methodist Church; Rebecca Fluke Hudson from Etowah Presbyterian; Gary Dean Cogdill from Vickory Baptist Church, Sylva; Mrs. Susan Gravitt Cogdill, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill; Peter Randal Irvin, Signal Hill United Methodist, Belleville, Ill.; Genie Tate Irvin, Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Columbus, Miss.; Sonny Boyd Lyles, Mrs. Gail H. Lyles, and Julie Melanie Lyles, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Brattie) Gregory, First Baptist Church, Wilson; Mrs. Claude C. (Debra Neal) Faw, III, Atlantic United Methodist Church, Atlantic; and Heather McDonald Barr, Dorothy Sue Berry, Darren Lane Bouchelle, Laura Anne Bushong, Arthur Hall Lankford, and John David Karry by profession of faith.

Dismissals this year are: Mrs. Kurt Van Gehr (Mary E. Harris), Michael Phillip Gwyn, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Walters (Johnnie Lou), Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Marcia) Major, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy (Debbie) Davis, Mrs. Angela Ogilvie Hedgepeth, Mrs. Jennifer Corinne Richardson Woody, Mrs. Jodi Reinhardt Church, and Mr. and Mrs. George (Linda) Lashley.

Marriages in 1983 are: Mrs. Debbie Lyles to Bennett Brooks, Mrs. Louise Fleagle to John S. Wilson, III in sanctuary by Dr. Evans, April 2nd; Norma Stevenson to Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, Feb. 16th, in sanctuary by Dr. Evans; Karen Frances Hall to Steven Bradley Parsons, May 14th, sanctuary by Dr. Evans; Martha M. Barksdale to Donald Holmes Baker, June 18th, in Lenoir; Dawn Marie Huntley to David Lee Roselle, Jr., June 5th by Dr. Evans in sanctuary; James Allen Payne to Nancy Carole Parker, May 7th at New Bern; Larry Neal Christenbury to Susan Gray Flynt, June 18th, Pfafftown Christian Church; Ted Edgerton to Melissa Meyer, June 25th, St. Louis Friends Church; Thomas Smith Horne to Deborah Wyatt Bowers, June 25th by Dr. Evans at Horne residence; and William Glenn Beeson to Jane Christian Anderson, United Methodist Church, Maryville, Tenn. on May 28th.

1983 births: John Michael Atwood, Jr. to Chris (Parker) and John Michael Atwood; Amanda Smoak, to Mary Martha (Vickery) and Sam Smoak on March 1st; Martha Blair Schraibman to Paige and Carl Schraibman; Adrienne Finley Edmonds, to Ellen (Ogilvie) and Alan B. Edmonds on August 2nd; Lindsey Erin Myers to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Myers April 7th; Katherine Marie Faw to Debra and Claude C. Faw, III, on July 17th; Marian Grace Johnson to Marolyn (Irving) and Glenn Johnson on August 12th; Anna Lewis Turner to Margi (Lewis) and Charles Turner on September 2nd; Megan Danielle Johnson to Annette and Gary Johnson on August 16th; Cameron Edward Jones to Pam (Page) and Thomas Edward Jones on October 23rd; Ryan Lewis Cogdill to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dean Cogdill on September 28th; and Peter Michael Lipscomb to Ellen and Bill Lipscomb on Dec. 20th.

Two other new members were Christopher Frederick Griffin and Alvin Richard Searcy, Jr. received by profession of faith and baptism on April 3, 1983.

Deaths: Mrs. Charles C. (Velda) Corle, Miss Ellen Robinson, Arthur C. Finley, Mrs. Ralph (Bertie) Bowman, and Mrs. Claude C. (Edna) Faw, Sr.

### 1984

We began the year 1984 with church services as January 1st came on Sunday. We had communion and Christian Student Sunday. Several participants in the service were Katie Finley, Barbara Thompson, Sharon Bouchelle, Martha Ogilvie, John Myers, Donna Moore, Cam Finley, and Gordon Ogilvie, Jr.

Those who participated and helped make International House a successful venture into international friendship by our congregation begins with Carol and David Baugess who chaired this project and Mae and Clay Bauguss, Leonard Brooks, Neil Cashion, Jr., Circle #4, Marcella Church, Joan and Neil Dalrymple, Bobbie and Frank Dooley, Margie Edgerton, Jan and Bill Elder, Lavinia and Rob Evans, Carolina and Gordon Finley, Katie Finley, Vania Forehand, Mary Frances and Harry Galifianakis, Barbara and Ed Gregory, Jackie, Ted and Paige Hall, Carol, Frank, Ann and Janice Hartley, Nellie and Walter Hobson, Beverley and Gaither Keener, Linda and Gerald Lankford, Cecile and Robert Meade, Men's Bible Class, Edith Murphy, Penny and Tom Musson, Jane and Tom Ogburn, Betty and Bob Powell, Ellen Rhyne, Mozelle Spainhour, Virginia and Syd Spainhour, Julie Starnes, Barbara Thompson, Mary Jane and Tim Tysinger, Nancy and Harry Underwood, Louise and Sam Vickery, Dudley Waugh, Annie Winkler, Karen and Jim Worley, and Dorothy Lewis.

Dorothy Lewis, chairman of White Cross, got some women together in January to roll bandages. They brought old sheets and prepared to roll until the sheets ran out. This is a vital service to our mission hospitals, such as the Wilson Leprosy Center in Korea.

The triangle continued to meet every Wednesday at seven a.m. with Bible study by Dr. Evans, and at noon.

Proverbs 29:18 tells us "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Our Souper Sunday project provided opportunity for our congregation to build its vision for the future. We asked ourselves some questions: "What will we look like in year 2000?" "What do we want to do in Christ's name in years ahead?" "How can we better implement and improve the Christian nurture of this generation and ones to come?" "What kind of facilities do we need to continue to carry out our mission?" Dr. Clements Lamberth, General Presbyter of Concord Presbytery, led the orientation session, which was followed by the congregation being divided into groups for thinking together the future of our church. Over eighty members participated. Thanks to Clay Bauguss, chairman of Building Expansion committee, to Mozelle Spainhour and her "cooks:" Mary Louise Clements, Roberta Marsh, Cecile Meade, Bobbie Dooley, Corinne Sink, and WOC Dinner committee; to the small groups leader, Neill Dalrymple, Mary Frances Galifianakis, Gerald Lankford, Dot Lewis, Billy McElwee, Arnold Simpson, Syd Spainhour, Bob Thompson and Catherine Wilson and those who helped with children's activities: Lavinia Evans, Darren Bouchelle, Carol Finley, Kendal Finley, and Lena Peterson.

Thirty-five boxes of homemade cookies were boxed by our Women of the Church and sent to our college students, including the students who were here for International House at Christmas. Elder sponsors for 1984 Confirmation class are Paul Cashion for Bobby Tisdale, Al Stanley for Stephen Tomlin, Betty Thompson for Carol Finley, Mozelle Spainhour for Kendal Finley, Catherine Wilson for Lena Peterson, Martha Parker for Julie Lyles, and Walter Hobson for Scott Eikenberry.

Bryan Goad was appointed disbursing treasurer to replace Robert Berry. Blair Gwyn and Edward Finley were appointed as temporary assistants to new treasurer if needed.

Our elders were ordained and installed on Sunday, Feb. 12th. These elders are: Class of 1984, Paul Cashion, Martha Parker, Robert Powell, Mozelle Spainhour, Doug Winslow, David Baugess, Al Stanley, and Linda Lankford; Class of 1985, Clay Bauguss, Walter Hobson, Sam Ogilvie, Betty Thompson, Catherine Wilson, J. Perry Snipes, and W. H. McElwee, III, and Dr. Thomas Bowman; Class of 1986, Ted Hall, Ed Gregory, Gaither Keener, Dorothy Lewis, Gordon Ogilvie, Bill Underwood, Carolina Finley, and William A. Long.

The theme for World Day of Prayer this year, which was held in our church, was "Living Water from Christ, our Hope."

Worship Committee developed plans for the use of Christian symbols on the communion table in the sanctuary, to be used on the first three Sundays in each month. Flowers are to be used on 4th and 5th Sundays.

The Session of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church joined the congregation of Wilkesboro Presbyterian Chapel on Sunday evening, March 4th, for a covered dish supper, which was followed by a special worship service to receive new members.

Our pictorial directories arrived. In addition, Bob Beeson made photos of new members for a pictorial bulletin board to assist the congregation in getting to know them.

At the Session meeting on March 11th, church roof repairs were authorized at a cost of approximately \$9,000; Dot Lewis was elected permanent representative to Presbytery; payment was okayed of medical expense of Nimrod Shallua (one of our international students); the Wilkes YMCA was given \$1,000 from Louise Vyne Bailey Trust Fund.

On March 25th, we marked Christian Witness Season with a covered dish supper. This year's emphasis is Central Africa. Mrs. Cyndi Taylor, whose four-week trip to South Africa last year was underwritten by our congregation, was the featured speaker.

Jim Ford and Sam Vickery accompanied several 11th graders to Charlotte for a two-day career counseling service: Stuart Barr, Greg Galifianakis, Leigh Griffin, Melissa Kilby, Revis Ann Lovette, and Laura Mustian.

The Session at its April meeting approved \$500 from special benevolence as a donation to the Red Cross for tornado relief to aid victims in North and South Carolina; a two-cents-a-meal program with kick off soup luncheon on May 27th; approved professional study of current church facilities to determine if they can be expanded to meet current needs of church as outlined by Building Expansion committee; approved a starve-a-thon to be conducted by Junior Highs, proceeds going to Wilkes Cares; approved Christmas International House again in 1984; approved Sunday, April 29th, for a "Fellowship of the Church" luncheon to honor new members who have come into our church family since May 1, 1983.

In honor of Link and Mozelle Spainhour's fiftieth wedding anniversary, a trust fund was established by their children on April 19th to benefit those in our own community who are less fortunate.

Forty-two children enjoyed a super Easter celebration at our church, complete with egg dyeing, singing, bubble blowing and a trip to Carolina Rest Home. Thanks to the following workers: Carolina Finley, Linda Lankford, Walter and Nell Hobson, Ellen Rhyne, Lavinia Evans, Carol Baugess, Debbie Goad, Ruth Ford, Janet Craft, Becky Hudson, Mary Jane Tysinger, Penny Musson, Courtney Butler, Carol Hartley, Carol McAdams, Carol Finley, Kendal Finley, Lena Peterson, and Suzy Kerley.

Marcella Church was installed as president of Women of the Church of Concord Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, on April 28th. Twenty women from our congregation and Wilkesboro Presbyterian attended this annual meeting as showing our congregational support for our member who is assuming this role of leadership in the wider church organization.

At the New Members luncheon recently, it was announced that forty-five persons joined our congregation in the last 12 months, with nine of these uniting with Wilkesboro Presbyterian Chapel.

Dr. William Rabil, a Winston-Salem surgeon, presented a slide presentation and meditation on the Shroud of Turin.

The worship service flower policy has been revised to state that flowers may be placed in the sanctuary as memorial gifts on any Sunday except communion. When no one has signed up to donate flowers, appropriate Christian symbols will be used. A flower chart will be placed outside the church office door.

Dr. Julian Lake was our guest minister on Sunday, May 20th. He is the retired pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem. His sermon title was "You Can Be Sure."

On May 27th we had a soup luncheon, a pot luck soup with ingredients brought to the kitchen the day before. It was decided to participate in Concord Presbytery's two-cents-a-meal program, in which each time a family sits down to a meal it sets aside two cents per person into a special container, which will be collected monthly and sent to Presbytery, which will use the funds for missions toward alleviating hunger.

A WOC luncheon and Birthday Celebration was held on Tuesday, May 29th, with a short program on the Third World Leadership Center in Seoul, Korea. Our special guest was Mary Margaret Hunter of Belmont, current president of Women of the Church Concord Presbytery.

Karen Hall Parsons, daughter of this congregation, was our guest worship leader on Sunday, June 3rd. Karen is a candidate for gospel ministry under care of Concord Presbytery and has been accepted at Union Theological Seminary of Virginia where she will enroll in January, 1985.

Our high school graduates this year were Jeffrey Robert Church, Michael Paul Bouchelle, Jeffrey David Payne, Deidre Tomlin, Pauline Wyatt, James Tony Davis, Mark Alan Dooley, Ann Marie Duffy, Jenny Ellen Holt, and Kim Suzanne Rusch.

Our graduates from college were Gordon Ogilvie, Jr., East Carolina; Margaret Tate Ogilvie, East Carolina; Martha Campbell Ogilvie, UNC-Chapel Hill; and Betty Winslow, Greensboro College.

Several young people became starv-a-thon participants and fasted twenty-four hours to raise money for Wilkes Cares: Darren Bouchelle, David Broach, Carol and Kendal Finley, Julie Lyles, Lena Peterson, Zach Galifianakis, Cam Keener, Gray Shell, Bobby Tisdale, and Brian Webb. Adult leaders Gordon Finley, Bobby and Perry Snipes, plus Jim Almoney with a VCR and Leslie Shell with a TV set helped during the fast.

Vacation Bible School theme for this year was "Share the Good News." A share box was provided for children to bring staple food items for Wilkes Cares. Over one hundred students and teachers were present. Some of the funds received for special causes during the year were: Witness Season, \$406.35; One Great Hour of Sharing, \$323.50; American Red Cross--Carolina Tornado Relief, \$270.00. Junior Highs raised \$632.36 for Wilkes Cares.

Laura Bushong, LeDell Winslow, Arthur Lankford and Jackie Hall, advisor, attended the PCUSA Youth Conference at Montreat in June.

North Carolina Presbyterian Woman's Conference was held at Montreat in two sessions. Fourteen hundred women attended, over two hundred from Concord Presbytery. Marcella Church, president-elect, conducted a workshop on Christian community action at both sessions.

Attending Camp Grier from our church this year were John Barksdale, David and Derik Broach, Mary Finley, and Julie Webb.

Kerygma, a course in the study of scripture which calls for a high level commitment from those who enroll, began in September. Taught by Dr. Evans, fifty-two people signed up.

In August the Session approved recommendation of Building and Grounds committee to repair plaster and paint the sanctuary, replace sanctuary carpet, retile the narthex, and repair plaster and paint hallways and stairwells in the Educational Building at a cost of \$14,600.

The following rotated out of Sunday School teaching: Rod Kerley, Lola Knox, Ruth Ford, Edith Murphy, Mike Brown, Barbara Gregory, Larry Hall, Lavinia Evans, Bonnie Hurd, Karen Worley, Mike Ortosky, Nancy Underwood, Virginia Spainhour, Betty Winslow, Betty Thompson, Bryan Goad, Carol Baugess and Harry Underwood.

Women of the Church officers who were installed Sept. 9th: president, Nancy Simpson; 1st vice president, Grace McIver; 2nd vice president, Joanne Beeson; secretary, Bobbie Dooley; treasurer, Jan Brooks; historian, Roberta Marsh; white cross chmn., Dorothy Lewis; Christian community action chmn., Louise Karry; leadership and resources chmn., Carol McAdams; ecumenical missions and relations chmn., Debbie Bowman; personal faith and family life chmn., Suzy Kerley; nursery chmn., Suezi Long; dinner and social committee chmn., Mozelle Spainhour; and circle chairmen: Marguerite Moore, Louise Vickery, Jeannie Ogilvie, Dulce Kite, and Ellen Lipscomb.

A called meeting of Presbytery of Concord was held in September at First Presbyterian Church, Hickory. Attending from our church were Rob Evans, Dot Lewis, Gaither Keener, and Jackie Hall, DCE. Mrs. Hall led one of the study sessions on the churchwide consultation study paper, whose theme is the Life and Mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA), entitled, "Today Into Tomorrow: A Year of Consultation."

In our annual church report adults with perfect attendance were Lucy Shook, Daisy Myers, Blair Gwyn, and Robert Meade. Vann Evans for third year and Susan Anderson were the children with perfect attendance. Present enrollment is 281, with twenty-three at Wilkesboro.

The 1984-85 Christian Education staff is superintendent, Mary Louise Clements; asst. superintendent, Margery Edgerton; general secretary, Elizabeth H. Finley; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Finley; and division chairmen: Janet Sink, Joanne Beeson, Viki Taylor; and Junior High Fellowship advisors: Gordon Finley, Bobbie and Perry Snipes; and Senior High Fellow-

ship advisors: Debbie and Joe Bowman, Rod Hinman and Laura Miles. Teachers are: Hilda Holder, Daisy Myers, Bobbie Snipes, Pam Jones, Carol McAdams, Ellen Rhyne, Ed Gregory, Gerald Lankford, Donna McNeil, David Brooks, Myra Carrigan, Carolina Finley, Gaither Keener, Linda Lankford, Susan Broach, Marc Butler, Judy Shell, Suzy Kerley, J. Perry Snipes, Penny Musson, Jackie Hall, David Wesley, Joan Dalrymple, Rod Kerley, Steve Snipes; Barksdale class, Lavinia Evans, Syd Spainhour, Michael McAdams; College and Career, Becky Hudson, Bill Lipscomb; Kerygma, Rob Evans; Men's Bible Class, Ted Hall, president; 3M Class, Eloise Boyd, Al Stanley, Louise Karry; Vanguard, Norma Hubbard, president; general assistant, Nancy Wesley; Cradle Roll, Dulce Kite; and Librarian, Mary Elmore Finley.

In October many Wilkes County churches expressed concern and raised money in a ten mile walk for hunger, sponsored by the Wilkes Ministerial Association. David Baugess and Bill Lipscomb were responsible from our church.

Marcella Church received the gavel as the incoming president of Women of the Church of Concord Presbytery, at fall learning event at First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, on Sept. 22nd. Ten members of our Women of the Church attended: Jan Brooks, Marcella Church, Carol Childers, Carol Hartley, Louise Karry, Dulce Kite, Carol McAdams, Doug McElwee, Grace McIver, and Nancy Simpson. Doug McElwee conducted a workshop for circle chairmen.

New elders elected Sunday, September 30th, are: Eloise Wells Boyd, Neill Mac Dalrymple, Edward S. Finley, Bryan Goad, Blair Gwyn, Rodney Kerley, Harry Page, and Arnold Simpson.

The pony express is coming to our church again for Stewardship Season. Planning committee members are Rob Evans, Bob Powell, Parks Church, Gail and Sonny Lyles, Bill Long, Tom Bowman, Arnold Simpson, Linda Lankford, Gaither Keener, Catherine Wilson, and Mozelle Spainhour.

Our good and faithful men cooks, Clay Bauguss, Leonard Brooks, Paul Payne, Howard and Robert Meade, have made breakfast for church occasions for a long time. Their contribution has been significant in the life of the church.

A church officer retreat was held in October at the Powder Horn Mountain home of the Tom Bowmans. Clay Bauguss, Mozelle Spainhour, Catherine Wilson, and Paul Cashion were on the food committee. Jackie Hall and Dr. Evans led officers of church in a time of worship, study, discussion and fellowship. The Session settled on a statement of what we are called to be: "The church's being is established by God's free choice of us in Jesus Christ, our Lord Jesus Christ, as head of the church, is the risen Lord. He empowers us by the Holy Spirit to be the church. As a church we are always living in response to God's reconciling love through Jesus Christ. Our witness includes being messengers in work and deed of God's saving love for all, living as Christ's new creatures, and serving Christ in the church and in the world, all to the glory of God, the Father."

A chuck wagon dinner, featuring an estimate of giving, was sponsored by stewardship committee, in October. Our total pledges were \$168,987.00. Bob Powell was general manager; station agents: Linda Lankford, Gaither Keener, Sonny Lyles, Arnold Simpson; Sunday School coordinator, Mary Louise Clements; and Bill Long, chmn. stewardship committee.

At a congregational meeting on Nov. 18th, a proposal studied for eighteen months on the need for more space was presented. The Session believes that our current facilities do not meet the needs of our church. Most urgent needs are an adequate fellowship hall, expanded Christian education space, an updated nursery and preschool facilities. We voted to embark upon a program of expansion of our physical facilities in 1985 to include: a new 3200 sq. ft. fellowship hall; 15,000 sq. ft. educational space (with supporting storage, bathroom facilities, etc.) renovation of existing inadequate facilities. A six-member building committee has been named to proceed with architect selection and detailed plans, and report to Session in sixty days. Congregation voted unanimously for this program of expansion.

We had International House again this year. Members were asked to help in the following ways: be a host family for a week, host students for dinner, transport incoming and departing students, invite a visitor to accompany the member to work, offer time during day for outings, free time at church and evening facilities, donate games, ping-pong table, or TV for fellowship hall use, or make cash contributions.

Seventy-five hundred dollars was raised during Crop Walk in October, a project aimed at fighting hunger through Church World Service projects. Dr. Evans was chairman of Crop Walk in Wilkes County.

Our December calendar included many special events. We had a "Season of Light" advent event, a performance of Handel's "Messiah," a Kerygma evening class supper and study session, Chancel Choir supper at the Sam Vickery home, Weekday Preschool Christmas program, Children's Choir special music event, the Joy Gift Tea, Junior High Fellowship-6th Grade Forum supper and program, Senior High Christmas caroling and party, Church Staff Christmas luncheon at the home of Mary Louise Clements, Christmas International House, "Love, Joy, Peace" Christmas cantata by Chancel Choir, a Junior High Fellowship caroling and party, and Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service and Matthew 25 offering.

For our cantata, "Love, Joy, Peace," Mary Louise Clements directed and William Hurd gave the narrative. Soloists were Viki Taylor, Ellen Lipscomb, Karolen Bowman, Jackie Hall, and Carolina Finley, adults; and from the Children's Choir, Mary Finley, Merritt Galifianakis, Elizabeth Karry and Julie Webb.

Special benevolence grants this year are: \$500 to Wilkes YMCA; \$500 to Hospice of Wilkes; \$472 to Wilkes County Group Homes for Boys and Girls. Our Thanksgiving offering was \$698.75.

The Session appointed as Building Expansion committees: building committee, Paul Cashion, chmn., Clay Bauguss, Sam Ogilvie, Sr., Mary F. Galifianakis, Gaither Keener, and Frank Dooley; finance committee, Dr. Tom Bowman, chmn., Bill Johnston, W. H. McElwee, III, Mike McAdams, Virginia Spainhour, and Edward S. Finley.

New members received during the year are Mr. and Mrs. James Marc (Courtney) Butler from Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. David W. (Lynn Triplett) Brooks from Wilkesboro United Methodist; David W. Brooks, profession of faith; Robert Chalmers Boyd, First Presbyterian Church, Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Jane) Blackmon; Scott Christian Eikenberry, Carol Kyles Finley, Ann Kendal Finley, Robert Stuart Tisdale, and Stephen Douglas Tomlin, by profession of faith; Julie Lyles and Lena Peterson, profession of faith and baptism; Janita S. Stewart, Westminister Presbyterian Church, Amherst, Oh.; Mr. and Mrs. David (Nancy) Wesley, Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Richie Glenn (Donna) Bowman from St. Andrews Lutheran, Hickory and Centenary United Methodist, New Bern; Dr. and Mrs. Philip (Mary) Keener and Philip Cameron Keener, First Baptist, St. Simon's Island, Ga.; Mrs. Donald B. Combs, Bayshore Baptist, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Terry (Ruth Ann) Waller, Burns Memorial United Methodist, Augusta, Ga.; Morgan Francis, profession of faith and baptism; Mrs. Carolyn McDowell, First Baptist, W. Jefferson; Raymond K. McDowell, St. John's Lutheran, Leithicum, Md.; Lori Ann Webster and Allison Elizabeth Saunders, profession of faith and baptism; and Brenda Hall Elledge from First Baptist, North Wilkesboro.

Dismissals for the year are Nancy Rebecca Simpson, Betsy Kite O'Neill, James Alan Payne, Craig Bennett, Martha Barksdale Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John (Mildred) Hoffman, Louise Fleagle Wilson, Mrs. Joe (Jane) West, Mrs. Martha Tennis Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Tysinger, and Mrs. Peter Schmidt.

Our 1984 deaths were: Mrs. Boyd (Lois) Stout, January 21st; Mrs. Louise Alexander (Wilkesboro Chapel) January 31st; John A. Walker on September 14th; and Mrs. Paul (Pam) Christie.

Births during the year were: Benjamin Bryant, to Mr. and Mrs. William (Suezi) Long, January 11th; Laura Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Cathy) Snipes, January 14th; Elizabeth Grace, to Mr. and Mrs. Gaither (Beverley) Keener, Jr., March 14th; John Ernest, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Carol) Aita, March 20th; Amber Christine, to Mr. and Mrs. Richie (Donna) Bowman, May 27th; James Zachary, to Mr. and Mrs. Marc (Courtney) Butler, July 1st; Tyler Clifford, to Mr. and Mrs. David (Lynn) Brooks, July 11th; Anna Catherine, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Pattie) Trice, August 20th; Elizabeth Kershaw, to Mr. and Mrs Warren (Jane) Blackmon, November 16th; David Henry and Robert Cameron, twin sons, to Mr. and Mrs. David Wesley, December 2nd; Laura Kristen, to Mr. and Mrs. David (Rosemary Marsh) Skridulis, March 26th.

Weddings of members were: Caroline Hubbard to Ralph Richard Pierce, Jr., on January 7th in church sanctuary; Penny Sue Cashion Lockart to Jerry B. Bumgarner, March 20th in Charleston, S.C.; Anna Bubar to Wayne Miller Marsh, May 6th, at Litchfield Beach, S.C.;

Robyn Sherry Pearson to Robert Charles Berry, Jr., June 23rd, at Wilkesboro Baptist; Arnold Glenn Simpson to Susan Ellen Davidson on May 20th in Pontiac, Md.; Robert Johnson to Janet Glenn on October 6th; Sara Kathryn Knox to Daniel Todd Warren on October 27th in sanctuary; Frances Wiebel to Carl Yale on September 29th at St. Paul's Episcopal, Wilkesboro; and Kay Canter to Michael Charles Barnette on April 14th.

News of Boy Scout Troop 336 included that under the leadership of Roy Forehand, Jim Knox, and Howard Blackburn and sponsored by Men's Bible Class, our troop continued their outstanding record of awards. The troop was chosen for Honor Unit award, Wilkes County District. Roy Forehand and Lewis Nelson were recognized for being in Scouting 50 years, Jim Knox selected Order of the Arrow advisor, Wilkes County District; the troop was awarded Blue Chip Certificate for volunteer service by Northwest North Carolina Development Association; John David Karry received Eagle Scout award; First Place winner, Pioneering Competition Scout-a-Rama; and Greg Galifianakis received Eagle award

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The Session began the new year with the pastor, Dr. Robert C. Evans, as moderator, and Ted Hall, as clerk. The new class of elders consisted of Neill Dalrymple, Jr., Eloise Boyd, Edward S. Finley, Bryan Goad, Blair Gwyn, Rodney Kerley, Harry Page, and Arnold Simpson. Church trustees are: R.G. Finley and W.H. McElwee, Jr. Life member is Lewis M. Nelson.

1985 Session committees are: Administration, Bill Underwood, chmn.; Tom Bowman, co-chmn.; Bryan Goad, co-chmn.; Sonny Lyles, Frank Dooley, Carol Childers, and Mike McAdams; Adult Ministries, Blair Gwyn, chmn.; Bill Long, co-chmn.; Jim and Lola Knox, and L.M. Nelson; Building and Grounds, Clay Bauguss, chmn.; Gaither Keener, Jr., co-chmn.; Bill McElwee, III, co-chmn.; Bob Taylor, Jim Worley, David Brooks, Kip McDowell, Mary F. Galifianakis, and Bill Johnston; Christian Education, Walter Hobson, chmn.; Carolina Finley, co-chmn.; Harry Page, co-chmn.; Linda Lankford, Joanne Beeson, Mary Louise Clements, Janet Sink, Viki Taylor, Nell Hobson, Bill Lipscomb, Greg Galifianakis, Edith Murphy, Penny Musson, and LeDell Winslow; Worship, Ed Gregory, chmn.; Eloise Boyd, co-chmn.; Suzy Kerley, Virginia Spainhour, Cathy McElwee, Al and Billie Stanley, and Mike Brown; Commitment, Dorothy Lewis, chmn.; Ed Finley, co-chmn.; Betty Thompson, co-chmn.; Bobbie Dooley, Vania Forehand, Ellen and Bill Lipscomb, Marguerite and Ken Moore, Syd Spainhour, and Carolyn and Larry Webb; Congregational Care, Catherine Wilson, chmn.; Neill Dalrymple, co-chmn.; Gordon Ogilvie, co-chmn.; Bob and Joanne Beeson, Paul and Jan Brooks, Courtney and Marc Butler, Norma Hubbard, Mozelle Spainhour, Lib Holt, Irma Ogilvie, Sue Clements, Kathryn Holt, Carolyn McDowell, Dulce Kite, Grace McIver, Annie Winkler, and Joan Dalrymple; Diakonia, J. Perry Snipes, chmn.; Rod Kerley, co-chmn.; Karen Worley, Jim Almoney, Dale Wayne, Bill Lipscomb, Bob Beeson, Doris and Bob Berry, Louise Vickery, and Carol McAdams; and Witness, Arnold Simpson, chmn.; Sam Ogilvie, co-chmn.; Tom Musson, Debbie Bowman, Doug and Betty Winslow, and Debbie Goad.

New members received in 1985 were: Mrs. Emma Baker from Aldergate United Methodist, Sumter, S.C.; William M. Duncan from First Baptist, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Ami Jean Hill, Trinity United Presbyterian, Berwyn, Pa.; Robert C. Hill, First United Methodist, Brevard; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Sue) Salmon from Forest Hills Presbyterian, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Margaret Smith from Franklin Presbyterian; David Allen Broach, Catherine Renee Cashion, Stephen Grant Eikenberry, Charie Lanette Miller, Leslie Graham Shell, IV, and Brian Keith Webb, profession of faith; Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Diana) Charles, Bethany Methodist, Austin, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. William (Karen) Watts, First Presbyterian, Hartsville, S.C.; Mrs. Steve (Cathy) Snipes, First Baptist, North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Link (Laura Key) Osborne from Union Baptist, Thoibodaux, La.; Mrs. Tom (Deborah) Horne, First Baptist, North Wilkesboro; Linda Reeder, Myers Park Methodist, Charlotte; Perry Mathis, reaffirmation of faith; Joan Martin Causey, Benjamin S. Causey, and Jacqueline Ann Causey, Alamance Presbyterian, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reid (Patricia Price) Sturdivant, III, from Covenant Presbyterian, Charlotte; John S. Steele, Jr., from First Presbyterian Church, Taylorsville; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. (Vivian) Wessman, New Hempstead Presbyterian, New York, NY; and Stanley Wright, profession of faith and baptism.

Dismissed were: Mr. and Mrs. Barton Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Underwood, Miss Cheryl Underwood, Miss Janice Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Blackmon, Mrs. Carol Hartley, H. M. Parker, Jr., and Mrs. Martha Edgerton Wells.

New babies: Olivia Darcus, daughter of Kimberly and Vincent Shumate on September 24th; Paul Thomas, son of Drs. Karolen and Tom Bowman on November 3rd, and Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Sturdivant, IV, on November 21st.

Couples who were married during the year were: Deidre Renee Tomlin and Tracy Alvin Huffman, May 31st, at Trinity Fellowship Church, Wilkesboro; Thomas Cameron Finley and Tamela Lynn Owens in sanctuary, July 29th; David Dean Powell to Angela Triplett, July 20th; Robert Frazier Hinman and Virginia Ellen Prongay, July 20th; John Paul Yale to Karen Elizabeth Green in sanctuary, August 17th; Catherine Ann Hughes and Charles Noble Hubbard, in Augusta, Ga., September 14th; Nancy Rebecca Simpson and David Mack Stephens in sanctuary, July 13th; and Sue Landon Alfriend and Leo Elledge Dunn, October 23rd, by Dr. Evans.

Death in 1985 came to Clara Ogilvie and to W. J. Bason.

New members received at Wilkesboro Chapel were: Coleen Pamela Blevins, Rebecca Kay Blevins; Alisa Shomaker, St. Stephens Lutheran, Lenoir; and Billy Shomaker, Mt. Calvary Baptist, Banner Elk.

The 1985-1986 education staff was: superintendent, Frank Dooley; asst. supt., Grace McIver; general secretaries, Margery Edgerton and Elizabeth H. Finley; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Finley; asst. recording secretary, Elaine McCord; Preschool Division chairman, Janet Sink; Hilda Holder, Daisy Myers, Bobbie Snipes, Larry Hall, Ellen Rhyne, Ami Hill, Debbie Goad, Ed Gregory, Gerald Lankford, teachers; Elementary Division chairman, Joanne Beeson; David Brooks, Myra Carrigan, Jeff Aita, Edith Murphy, Linda Lankford, Susan Broach, Mike Brown, Marc Butler, teachers; Youth Division chairman, Katheryn Holt; Suzy Kerley, Penny Musson, Bob Hill, Joan Dalrymple, Gaither Keener, Steve Snipes, teachers; Junior High Fellowship, Bobbie Dooley, Martha Ogilvie, Bobbie and Perry Snipes, advisors; Senior High Fellowship, Lavinia Evans, Viki and Bob Taylor, Jule Hubbard, Syd and Virginia Spainhour, advisors. In the Adult Division: Barksdale class, Lavinia Evans, Mike McAdams, Syd Spainhour; Kerygma, Rob Evans; Men's Bible Class, Ted Hall, pres.; Vanguard Class, Norma Hubbard, pres.; 3M Class, Eloise Boyd, Al Stanley; Cradle Roll, Dulce Kite; and Librarian, Mary Elmore Finley.

Dr. Evans was on study leave in January, attending "Presbyterian Congress on Renewal" in Dallas, Texas. He was accompanied by Syd Spainhour.

Kerygma classes resumed early in the year. Our spotlight in January was on Nursery I (birth-two years) taught by three experienced teachers, Daisy Myers, Hilda Holder, and Bobbie Snipes, with an enrollment of eighteen.

Our junior and senior highs attended the Concord Presbytery Youth concert of John Paul Walters at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, in February.

February's spotlight is the kindergarten (4-5) where seventeen lively children keep Donna McNeil, Ed Gregory, and Gerald Lankford on their toes. Each week the children are given a four page take-home leaflet filled with stories, pictures, songs and things that relate to class session. Parents also get leaflets that help interpret the session. Our policy is to have at least one man in every class, which teaches children that church school is important for both sexes, and teaching in church is not altogether "woman's work."

The women of the church got together in February to pack cookies, crackers, and other goodies to send to our college students. Over the years we have tried lots of things for our students, and this idea seems to be the most popular.

The following elders were asked to sponsor the 1985 confirmation class: Bill Long, David Broach; Harry Page, Cathy Cashion; Betty Thompson, Brian Webb; Blair Gwyn, Gray Shell; Carolina Finley, Charie Miller; and Gaither Keener, Steven Eikenberry.

A progress report on building committee states that they have met five times since November; five architects and a contractor have been contacted and we have their fees and operational procedures. A structural engineer has been hired to evaluate the existing structure regarding attachment of a new structure. Parking lot has been surveyed to determine area dimensions. The alley behind the church has been closed by the Town Board upon request of the committee. They request that Lowe House on F Street be purchased.

Marcella Church, president of Women of the Church Presbytery of Concord, attended a retreat at Montreat in March to plan events of coming year beginning with annual meeting at Concord Presbyterian Church, Statesville.

A catechism class for children, grades 4-6, began in March with Dr. Evans teaching from Catechism for Young Children. Parents are to encourage and assist their children with memory work.

On Sunday, March 17th, Rev. O'Hywm of Korean Fellowship in Hickory and professor of Religion at Appalachian State University was our special guest minister, the service followed by luncheon and offering for international missions.

A new class for new members was started in April conducted by Dr. Evans.

March's spotlight is on Elizabeth C. Finley, who has served as recording secretary of our Church School since the late 1930s. She keeps accurate attendance records and offerings, as well as making annual report to the church on yearly attendance. This latter practice was sug-

gested by Elizabeth herself many years ago and we may be the only church who keeps this kind of record.

Since Glade Valley School is in financial trouble, the Session has voted to donate \$1,000 per month up to \$4,000, in total aid for 1984-85 school year.

Marcella Church, Presbyterial president, and Nancy Simpson, local WOC president, attended a workshop in March, entitled "Joys in Leadership II," sponsored by a Synod committee, Ministry Group on Women, in Reidsville.

"Festival of New Life," a children's celebration was held on a Saturday in March. It featured butterfly crafts, a visit to a rest home, and an Easter egg hunt. Helpers were: Janet Sink, Nell and Cotton Hobson, Joanne Beeson, Mary Louise Clements, Carolina Finley, Greg Galifianakis, Merrit Galifianakis, Debbie Goad, Linda Lankford, Penny Musson, Harry and Jean Page, and LeDell Winslow.

Lynn Underwood, assisted by Joanne Beeson, designed and constructed two Easter banners with historical symbols of the resurrection of our Lord: the lamb and the butterfly. The banners were displayed in the sanctuary.

April's spotlight is on the Christian education committee, which oversees various educational programs in church, such as church school, youth fellowship, vocational guidance, vacation church school, teacher training, admission of baptized children, and evaluation of curriculum. It also sponsors special benefits or events each year. This is probably our busiest committee.

Senior representatives to Presbytery Spring Youth Rally in April at Camp Grier were: Darren Bouchelle, Rob Hall, John David Karry, Arthur Lankford, Charlie Miller, Crystal Moore, Kate Wright, and Rob Hinman, advisor.

The 14th annual meeting of Women of the Church was held at Concord Presbyterian Church in Statesville in March. Attending from our church were Doris Berry, Dot Lewis, Vania Forehand, Florence Gwyn, and Grace Kelly (the latter two from Wilkesboro Chapel). Marcella Church presided over the meeting.

Jacqueline D. Hall, our director of Christian education, submitted her resignation to the Session on April 14th due to bad health, to be effective August 31, 1985. Jackie has been in this position of trust and leadership since August 1, 1968, and we have all benefited by her devotion and loyalty to her church. In August, there was a "Jackie Hall Day" where she received gifts as expressions of the congregation's gratitude.

On May 5th we began a new extended session during Sunday morning worship for four-year-olds and five's who are not yet eligible for Children's Worship, a session of Bible stories, related craft projects and free play, led by Marc and Courtney Butler and other volunteers. Three-year-olds will remain in their classroom where volunteers will care for them.

Those who completed the ten week course of the Shorter Catechism were: Mary Finley, Sterling Hall, Elizabeth Karry, Kristina Spainhour and Julie Webb. They were faithful in attendance and as a reward were treated to a pizza outing.

The Session at its May meeting approved a contract with Austin Organs, Inc. for a total modernization of our present organ at a price of \$49,510. The elders also approved the expansion committee recommendation that the present annex site be the location of new education-fellowship hall facility. They also recommended to the congregation to sell the Reins house at public auction to highest bidder. Session approved \$2,000 grant from Presbytery to Wilkes Cares for local hunger projects.

Our high school graduates were: Laura Mustian, Stuart Barr, Beth Barksdale, Ruthuline Wyatt, Gregory Galifianakis, Leigh Griffin, and Revis Ann Lovette.

Our college graduates were: Wilkes Community, William R. Beeson, Sharon Bouchelle, Elizabeth Brinegar, and Ann Ortosky; Appalachian State, Cameron Finley, BSBA, and Lavinia Evans, MM; N. C. State, James Spencer Knox, BSEE; Salem, Sue Barr, BA; UNC School of Public Health, Paige Hall, MS; and Wofford, Charles Noble Hubbard, BA.

Our largest group in many years went to Camp Grier for the summer camping program: John Barksdale, Greg Baugues, Darren Bouchelle, David Broach, Derik Broach, Vann Evans, Mary Finley, Merritt Galifianakis, Jennifer Gilreath, Tommy Gilreath, Julie Goad, Sterling Hall, Fran Lankford, Kristen Lott, Jason Lott, Amanda McDowell, Mary Catherine McElwee, Will McElwee, Andy Rhyne, Rob Rhyne, Angie Thomas, and Kim Tisdale.

Several members of the children's choir had perfect attendance for the year for which they receive The Hymnbook engraved with their names: Andy and Ashli Craft, Adam Kerley, Fran Lankford, Mary Catherine McElwee, Heather McNeil, Richard McNeil, Erin Taylor (2 years). We thank them and their leaders for their contribution to morning worship services throughout the year, especially to Mary Louise Clements, Suzy Kerley, Cathy McElwee, and Merritt Galifianakis.

Marcella Church, WOC Presbyterial president, Vania Forehand, conference hostess, attended both sessions of N. C. Presbyterian Women's Conference in June, and Nancy Simpson, our local president, attended the second session, where she was a hostess.

The Session voted to recommend to the congregation the construction of a new fellowship hall-classroom building at present annex site and renovation of the current fellowship hall at cost of \$705,000. The Session also recommended hiring a part-time administrative assistant temporarily. Mrs. Gladys Hudson began duties on August 26th as part-time DCE to help the minister and church secretary as needed until a new director is hired.

A Women of the Church fall learning event was held on September 21st at First Church, Mooresville. All women, officers, circle chairmen, and others were urged to attend. Marcella Church conducted workshop for presidents and vice presidents and Jackie Hall had one on Christian community action. Others who attended were Nancy Simpson, Virginia Spainhour, Rudi Waller, Florence Gwyn and Bobbie Dooley.

On September 8th Dr. Evans was assisted in morning worship services by some members of senior high fellowship: Jennifer Gilreath, Kendal Finley, Darren Bouchelle, Arthur Lankford, Jennifer Dooley, LeDell Winslow, Carol Finley, Laura Bushong, and Charlie Miller. They had studied reformed worship this summer and their involvement was outgrowth. Their class is taught by Joan Dalrymple, Rod Kerley, and Steve Snipes.

Boy Scout Troop 336 reunion and covered dish supper was held on October 12th at the National Guard Armory. Special recognition was extended to all past scoutmasters, outstanding scouts, and friends of scouting.

Dr. Elizabeth Achtemeier, professor of Bible and homiletics at Union Theological Seminary of Va., preached for us on Sunday, September 29th. Her sermon topic was "Of Children and Streets and the Kingdom." We reassembled at church for snack supper provided by the commitment committee. Her Sunday evening topic was "What's the Bible all About?"

New elders elected for Class of 1988 were Nancy Church, Frank Dooley, Mary F. Galifianakis, Bill Lipscomb, Tom Musson, Syd Spainhour, Bob Thompson, and Sam Vickery.

The Session unanimously approved Stevan Alan Snipes as the new director of Christian Education for our congregation. Steve is a 1977 graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary with Master of Theological Studies Degree. On November 24th there was an installation ceremony, followed by a reception to welcome him after the service.

On Tuesday, October 8, several church women went to Banner Elk and Grandfather Home and stuffed envelopes for a November mail-out: Emma Baker, Marcella Church, Mary Louise Clements, Sue Clements, Dulce Kite, Grace McIver, Janie Thompson, Vivian Wessman, Brattie Gregory, and from Wilkesboro Chapel, Becky Pennell and Alisa Shomaker.

A harvest festival sponsored by Junior and Senior Highs was held at the church on October 31st for toddlers through twelve year olds. A charge of one dollar per child covered hot dogs, fries, drink, and program, with proceeds to be used by young people for a trip to Montreal. Game booths, and various other opportunities to win prizes (candy) were available and prizes were awarded for costumes.

October 27th was stewardship dedication Sunday. A chuck wagon luncheon was held following morning worship service. The pony express routes began circulation at this luncheon. As of November 10th total pledges amounted to \$193,183.40.

Women of the Church officers for 1985-86: president, Nancy Simpson; 1st vice president, Grace McIver; 2nd vice president, Ruth Ford; secretary, Bobbie Dooley; treasurer, Jan Brooks; historian, Roberta Marsh; personal faith and family life chairman, Lavinia Evans; ecumenical missions and relations chairman, Ellen Lipscomb; Christian action community chairman, Ruth Ann Waller; leadership and resources chairman, Carol McAdams; white cross, Florence Gwyn and Lena Page; nursery (for WOC), Suezi Long; love in action chairman, Nancy Church; circle

chairmen: Virginia Spainhour, Doris Berry, Mozelle Spainhour, and Margaret Steele; Wilkesboro Chapel circle chairman, Becky Pennell.

On December 8th the "old fashioned Christmas celebration for the whole family" had Mozelle Spainhour helping with holiday crafts, followed by a snack supper, and at 6:00 pageants entitled, "Christmas is for Giving" by Children's Choir, and "Across the Road" by Junior and Senior Highs.

We had more special benevolences disbursements: \$250 to Boys Group Home; \$250 to Girls Group Home (Reflection Home), \$250 to two-cents-a-meal, Concord Presbytery; \$250 to social service fund (Diakonia); \$250 to Union Theological Building Fund.

The first graduates of the Tuesday night Kerygma class finished their comprehensive study of the Bible in December. A new class will begin in fall of 1986. Graduates are: Frank and Bobbie Dooley, Doug McElwee, Julie Ranes, Al and Billie Stanley, Nancy Simpson, Gordon Ogilvie, Syd and Virginia Spainhour, Florence Gwyn, Jackie Hall, Chalmers and Eloise Boyd, Bob and Doris Berry, Ed Gregory, Isabella Gibbs, Margi Turner, Brooks Wicker, and Lowell Bushong.

Christmas music this year was an anthem, "Child of Light," by the Chancel Choir. The readings were written by Bill Hurd. Mary Louise Clements was director and soloists were Ellen Lipscomb, Carolina Finley, and Ami Hill.

Karen Hall Parsons, candidate for the ministry, was our leader on December 29th. Karen is a second-year student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. She is a daughter of the congregation.

The visitors from around the world who visited our church for Christmas International House December, 1985, were: Kuo-Tung Chen, Taiwan; Sakir Dorukkaya, Turkey; Enver Guney, Turkey; Isil Guney, Turkey; Rolando Gradon, Panama; Koju Lida, Japan; Yumi Kaneho, Japan; Sanur Alshwaiki, Syria; and Elisa Karanana, Indonesia. They were with us for two weeks.

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1986 Session committees are: Administration, William A. Long, chmn., Bryan Goad and Blair Gwyn, co-chmn., Kay Myers, William Watts, Jim Worley, Ben Causey, Jeff Osborne, Janice Ward, Mary Louise Clements; Building and Grounds, Gaither Keener, Jr., chmn., Neil Dalrymple, Jr. and Mary Frances Galifianakis, co-chmn., Clay Bauguss, Frank Hartley, Betty Powell, Joe Trostel, David Bauguss, Robert Kantlehner, and Gordon Ogilvie, Jr.

Christian Education, Harry Page, chmn., Frank Dooley and Carolina Finley, co-chmn., Linda Lankford, Jack Steele, Janet Sink, Louise Vickery, Laura Bushong, Edith Murphy, Penny Musson, LeDell Winslow, Myra Carrigan, Debbie Goad, Bob Hill, and Linda Reeder, with Steve Snipes, resource person; Commitment committee, Ed Finley, chmn., Dot Lewis and Syd Spainhour, co-chmn., Bobbie Dooley, Ellen Lipscomb, Joanne Beeson, Marguerite Moore, Ken Moore and Gerald Lankford; Congregational Care, Sam Vickery, chmn., Gordon Ogilvie and Nancy Church, co-chmn., Marcella Church, Margery Edgerton, Norma Hubbard, Cotton and Nell Hobson, Beverly Keener, Laura Osborne, Caroline McDowell, Mozelle Spainhour, Jeannie F. Ogilvie, Lavinia Evans, and Irma Ogilvie; Service committee (Diakonia), Rod Kerley, chmn., Bill Lipscomb and Bill Underwood, co-chmn., Bob Beeson, Joan Dalrymple, Margaret Kantlehner, Suzy Kerley, Kip McDowell, J. Perry Snipes, Dale Wayne, and Annie Winkler; Witness committee, Bob Thompson, chmn., Tom Musson and Arnold Simpson, co-chmn., Joan Causey, Sam Ogilvie, Perry and Bobbie Snipes, Virginia Spainhour, Betty Thompson, and Margi Turner; Worship, Eloise Boyd, chmn., Ed Gregory, co-chmn., Mike Brown, L. M. Nelson, Cathy Snipes, Jackie Hall, Karen Worley, Sue Clements, Barbara Thompson, Stan Wright, Al and Billie Stanley, and Cathy McElwee.

New members during 1986 were: Joe Baker Trostel from Canton Presbyterian Church; Kristal Ann Kennedy, Tabernacle Baptist, Hickory; Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Kantlehner, First Church, Greensboro; Robert Kantlehner, reaffirmation of faith; Mrs. Joe (Janice) Ward, reaffirmation of faith; Gary Booth, Fruitland Baptist, Hendersonville; Andrew Bryan Dunlap, Bethlehem Baptist, Carthage; Mrs. Andrew Bryan (Susan Reece) Dunlap, Redeemer Lutheran,

Gastonia; Mrs. Charles (Catherine Hughes) Hubbard, Curtis Baptist, Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Myra McKew, First Presbyterian, Cartersville, Ga.; Mrs. Charles (Angela) Tate, Atonement Lutheran, Wilkesboro; Charles Tate, Atonement Lutheran, Wilkesboro; Mrs. Mark H. (Karen) Zajac, The Church at Charlotte, Charlotte; Christopher Buchanan Keener, Rebecca Courtney Keener, Amanda Eades McDowell, Ted Hall Lankford, Michael Mark McAdams, Raymond Anderson McDowell, William H. McElwee, IV, and Kimberly Elizabeth Tisdale, profession of faith; Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Ann) Miller, Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas (Patricia) Haire, St. John's Presbyterian, Reno, Nev.; Miss Nancy Todd, Independence Methodist, Independence, Va.; Dale Wayne, profession of faith; Judy Gilreath, reaffirmation of faith; Jennifer Gilreath, profession of faith and baptism; Mrs. Steve (Jan) Jackson, St. Paul's Episcopal, Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Mamie) Collier, First Christian, Beckley, W. Va.; Mrs. Jessie Rhodes, First Baptist, Mebane; Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Linda) South, reaffirmation of faith; Miss Sharon Baugess, profession of faith and baptism; Mrs. Brenda Smith, Hilltop Baptist; Richard N. Smith, Oak Grove Baptist, Boone; and Mrs. Sandra Tomlin, reaffirmation of faith.

We dismissed the following: Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ford, Jr., Robert Hinman, Keith Garrett, Dorothy McElwee Shartzler, David Sink, Susannah Cashion Erickson, Rebecca K. Boland, Kate Ogilvie Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Lyles, and Jackie Lyles.

Those we lost by death this year were: Mrs. Lena Page on Feb. 21st, Mrs. E. N. (Marybelle) Phillips on May 25th, Joe V. Reinhardt on June 4th, James Robert Eller on September 25th, Mrs. Paul (Mary Elizabeth) Cashion on October 7th, William Martin Rusch on October 29th, and Mrs. William (Betty) Underwood on November 5th.

Our newly-weds in 1986 were: Margaret Smith Horne to James Michael Kearns in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on March 29th, Carl (Ike) Coffey to Clara Ratledge on May 10th, Melissa Kilby to Morgan Francis on May 17th, Robert Powell, Jr. to Karen Deanne Pennell by Dr. Evans in the sanctuary on June 7th, Barbara Thompson to Stanley O. Wright in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on June 14th, Elicia Renee Byrd to Mark Ormsby Trollinger in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on June 21st, David Franklin Myers to Deborah Sue Ralston in Marietta, Ga. on August 9th, Brenda Elledge to Neil Cashion, Jr. in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on August 16th, Thomas Matthew Snipes to Donna Kaye Graham in Pinehurst on August 23rd, Nancy Todd to Roger Dale Wayne in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on September 20th, Susan Broach to Charles Whitesides in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on October 25th, Douglas Tomlin to Sandra C. Hart in the sanctuary by Dr. Evans on December 6th.

We welcomed the following new babies: Shelton Tyler to Janet and Charles Sink on May 10th, Stuart Chapman to Ami and Bob Hill on August 12th, Wesley Dalton to Susan and Gary Cogdill on August 19th, Christian Blair to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Beeson, Christian Andrew to Diedre and Tracy Huffman, Lauren Caroline to Jan and Dr. Steve Jackson, and Jennifer Ann to Laura and Jeff Osborne on October 10th.

The Class of 1988 elders were ordained and installed on January 12th as follows: Nancy Church, Frank Dooley, Mary Frances Galifianakis, William F. Lipscomb, Dr. Thomas Musson, Syd Spainhour, Sam Vickery, and Bob Thompson.

Members and elder sponsors for the 1986 confirmation class were recognized during service on Sunday, January 12th, as they begin a twelve-week class with Joanne Beeson, teacher. They are: Kimberly Tisdale, Eloise Boyd; Will McElwee, Bill Long; Andy McDowell, Dorothy Lewis; Ted Lankford, Nancy Church; Mark McAdams, Rod Kerley; Merritt Galifianakis, Carolina Finley; and Billy Elder, Sam Vickery.

To mark the beginning of Lent, we had a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and family fellowship on February 11th.

On February 14th, Concord Presbytery recognized the retirement of our Jacqueline Hall following 17 years of service as director of Christian education. Our church had already honored her in 1985. Presbytery was meeting at First Church, Gastonia. Our congregation was represented by elders, Ted Hall (her husband), and Dorothy Lewis, Rod Kerley, Eloise Boyd. Steve Snipes, our present DCE, also attended.

Pending congregation approval, the Session voted to begin construction on a new educational building in spring, 1987, if 75% of proposed bid price of project was on hand. New sub com-

mittee chairpersons were appointed: Virginia Spainhour, grounds; Mary F. Galifianakis, fellowship hall; Frank Dooley, educational facilities; and Clay Bauguss, kitchen.

The following children and their parents are in a training session for admission to Lord's table: Paul Causey, Bern Gregory, Meredith Gregory, Sterling Hall, Adam Kerley, Jimmy Lipscomb, Mandy McAdams, Devon Musson, Erin Musson, Wesley Spainhour, Misty Tate, and Lillian Worley.

"Bloom Where You're Planted" Easter celebration for children took place on Saturday, March 22nd, sponsored by Christian Education committee. The Easter story, flower and crafts activities, music, a rest home visitation, and a balloon launch were all parts of this day. March 23rd, Palm Sunday, younger children took part in a commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entry by carrying palms into the sanctuary at the beginning of morning worship. A Holy Week service, Maundy Thursday communion was held at our church and the Matthew 25 offering was taken.

The pulpit cloth for Easter was prepared by Clara Sibley. The Easter banners were designed and constructed by Lynn Underwood and Joanne Beeson

Children in grades 4-6 undertook a six-week catechism class taught by Dr. Evans. Those who completed and recited were: Vann Evans, Julie Goad, Bucky Keener, Courtney Keener, and Alan Kerley.

A spring celebration and chicken-que was held for the congregation for its response to the "Together We Grow" campaign. After a dinner prepared by our men, we heard talks on "What the Church Means to Me" by Ellen and Bill Lipscomb, Margi Turner, Walter and Nell Hobson, Annie Winkler and Ted Hall. Later, updates on progress toward our goal of expanded facilities were given by Paul Cashion and Dr. Tom Bowman, and an informative booklet was given to each family. A closing worship celebration was held in fellowship hall. Dr. Bowman reported anticipated receipts toward \$705,000 goal were \$701,000.04. Total receipts to date were \$304,165.45. Once our goal of \$525,000 is reached, construction can begin.

Five eleventh graders participated in vocational guidance this spring, after which they visited the Synod's Career and Personal Counseling Service for two days in Charlotte. Sam Vickery chaperoned our youth who were: Laura Bushong, Jennifer Gilreath, Heather Barr, Kate Wright and Arthur Lankford.

The four year old kindergarten nursery, taught by Marc and Courtney Butler for a year during morning worship service, was disbanded the last of April. The children will go back and join the three year olds in kindergarten nursery.

On Pentecost Sunday, North Wilkesboro Presbyterian, Beulah Presbyterian, and Wilkesboro Presbyterian Chapel joined together to worship in celebration of the birth of the church. Everybody was asked to wear red, the liturgical color for Pentecost. Communion was held and we celebrated our unity in Christ.

The third edition of "Experiment in Faith and Caring" class completed its six weeks of study about the Christian life, the Presbyterian Church, and related topics. The following new and old members participated: Joanne Beeson, Andy and Susan Dunlap, Maibelle Galt, Judy Gilreath, Bill and Suezi Long, Eddie and Patricia Sturdivant, Charlie and Angela Tate, Cookie Zajac, Nancy Church, Cheryl Ferguson, Jennifer Gilreath, Jan Jackson, Greg and Stephanie Paschal. Group Leaders were Bill Lipscomb and Marguerite Moore.

Dr. Evans was elected representative from Concord Presbytery at Synod May 28-29 at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa. Debbie Coles from Beulah Presbyterian also attended.

We continued to help with the needs of Wilkes Cares. Even young children are aware of Wilkes Cares needs and are urged to participate through their church school classes.

Our graduates this year were: Karen Elizabeth Duffy, N. C. School of Science and Math; Katherine Ferguson Finley, Appalachian State; Ami Hill, Appalachian State; Barbara Charlene Thompson, Appalachian State; Robin Nanette Beeson, Wake Forest; Elicia Renee Byrd, University of S. Florida; and Elizabeth Brinegar (Wilkesboro Chapel), Wilkes Community College.

Graduating from high school were: Jennifer Ann Dooley, Crystal Ann Moore, Allison Elizabeth Saunders, Lorriann Webster, Renee LeDell Winslow, Michael Brinegar (Wilkesboro Chapel), Melanie Pennell (Wilkesboro Chapel), Denise Staley (Wilkesboro Chapel), and Danny Hunt (Wilkesboro Chapel).

Our candidate for the gospel ministry, Karen Hall Parsons, has been chosen by the Union Theological Seminary faculty as a "W. T. Thompson Scholar" for her promise of excellence in ministry.

The Session at their June meeting approved special donations from special benevolence funds: \$1,000, Wilkes YMCA; \$200 and a computer, Grandfather Home for Children; \$50, Craggy Prison; \$250, Wilkes One-on-One; \$300, Center for Awakening; and \$500, Hospice of Wilkes.

Vacation church school was held June 16-20 for ages three years to grade six. The theme was "Jesus Teaches Us," with seventy-four children and fifty-four helpers there.

Dr. Evans served as camp pastor at Camp Grier, sponsored by Concord Presbytery, the week of July 6-11th. Many of our young people attended: Alyssa Patterson, Vann Evans, Mary Catherine McElwee, Julie Goad, Richard McNeil, Susan Dalrymple, Heather McNeil, Erin Taylor, Kimberly Tisdale, Kristina Spainhour, Will McElwee, Andy Johnston, Mary Lew Johnston, Bucky Keener, Courtney Keener, Bill Foster (Wilkesboro Chapel), Anthony Holbrook, Tonya Dobbins, Gregory Cocheran, and Kenya Watkins (Beulah Presbyterian). Jack Steele was summer camp director.

Spiritual life retreat was at Lees-McRae College in August. Maie Minnick was retreat leader. Cathy McElwee and Marguerite Moore from our church were the pianist and song leader. Our women who attended: Sue Barr, Heather Barr, Debbie Bowman, Marcella Church, Virginia Spainhour, Suzy Kerley, Margi Turner, and Dorothy Owen.

The church softball team completed the season with an 8-7 record. The players were: Joe Trostel, Rod Kerley, Steve Snipes, Ben Causey, Bill Duncan, Sharon Baugess, Jeff Aita, Perry Snipes, Phil Leidigan, Doug Ford, Tom Musson, Phil Darnell, Rob Evans, Tom Horne, Parks Church, Bryan Goad, and Rob Hall.

Our outgoing church school officers and teachers are: Frank Dooley, Grace McIver, Janet Sink, Ellen Rhyne, Ami Hill, Ed Gregory, Gerald Lankford, Linda Lankford, Susan Broach, Marc Butler, Suzy Kerley, Penny Musson, Joan Dalrymple, and Myra Carrigan.

The Women of the Church fall learning event was held on Saturday, September 27th at First Church, Statesville. Those attending were: Alyssa Shomaker, Judy Shepherd, and Florence Gwyn from Wilkesboro Chapel; Heather Barr, Sue Barr, Ronnie Corle, Sue Clements, Mary Louise Clements, Virginia Spainhour, and special guest, Sara Dixon, retired missionary. Participating were Marcella Church and Jackie Hall.

Our congratulations to Marcella Church for being honored with an honorary life membership by the Presbytery for her faithful and enthusiastic service during her two-year tenure as president of Concord Women of the Church Presbyterial.

Pat Lewis Johnston resigned as preschool teacher for the two and three year old classes, effective October 15, 1986. Maureen Miller was hired to fill the vacancy. She is a graduate of Salem College with a degree in art and early childhood education.

The new church staff was welcomed and commissioned on Sunday, September 21st, during morning worship services, after a breakfast prepared by our men cooks. The officers and teachers are: superintendent, Bryan Goad; asst. superintendent, Ben Causey; general secretaries, Margery Edgerton and Elizabeth H. Finley; recording secretary, Elizabeth C. Finley; asst. secretary, Elaine McCord; Pre-school Division, Barbara Gregory, chmn., Hilda Holder, Daisy Myers, Bobbie Snipes, Larry Hall, Linda Reeder, Donna McNeil, Debbie Goad, Robert Kantlehner, and J. Perry Snipes; Elementary Division, Joanne Beeson, chmn., Gaither Keener, Courtney Butler, Marc Butler, Bill Lipscomb, Jeff Aita, Edith Murphy, Patricia Sturdvant, Mike Brown, William Watts, and Angela Tate; Youth Division, Kathryn Holt, chmn., Debbie Bowman, Bob Hill, Marolyn Johnson, Steve Snipes, Carol Baugess, and Carol Childers; Junior High Fellowship, Bobbie Dooley, Martha Ogilvie, Bobbie and Perry Snipes; Senior High Fellowship, Lavinia Evans, Syd and Virginia Spainhour, Bob and Viki Taylor; adult division: Barksdale Class, Lavinia Evans, Syd Spainhour, Margi Turner; Cornerstone Class, Jacqueline Hall and Ellen Lipscomb; Kerygma, Dr. Rob Evans; Men's Bible Class, Tom Ogburn, president; Vanguard Class, Norma Hubbard, president; 3M Class, Al Stanley, Eloise Boyd, Jim Knox, Gordon Ogilvie, and Walter Hobson; Cradle Roll, Dulce Kite; and Librarian, Mary Elmore Finley.

Elizabeth C. Finley, recording secretary of church school, reported on attendance for past year. Daisy Myers and Parks Church had perfect attendance. Our present enrollment is 248, at Wilkesboro 23, with 271 total.

New officers for Women of the Church were installed in September by Marcella Church as follows: president, Virginia Spainhour; 1st vice president, Bobbie Dooley; 2nd vice president, Ruth Ford; secretary, Sue Clements; treasurer, Margery Edgerton; historian, Roberta Marsh; personal faith and family life, Lavinia Evans; ecumenical missions and relations, Ellen Lipscomb; Christian community action, Suezi Long; leadership and resources, Penny Musson; white cross, Florence Gwyn (Wilkesboro Chapel); circle #1, Courtney Butler; circle #2, Mary Louise Clements; noon circle, Martha Searcy; evening circle, Frances Hall; Wilkesboro Chapel, Becky Pennell; love-in-action chairman, Nancy Church; and nursery chairman, Patricia Sturdivant.

The circles kept busy during the year with various projects. We have four circles of active women. Food was prepared and sent to families who lost loved ones, with Nancy Church, love-in-action chairman; food was prepared for young peoples suppers once a month; cookies, desserts, and covered dishes prepared for family night suppers, teas, light lunches or snacks for college students; kits made up and given to "Safe;" money also given to "Safe" (haven for battered women); scholarships for children in preschool kindergarten; contributions to Wilkes Cares and Grandfather Home for Children; bandages and diapers sent to mission hospitals; and gifts and visits to rest homes in the county. We had an ending balance of \$2,256.06 as of August 31st.

New elders were elected and will begin serving January, 1987: Clay Bauguss, Dr. Tom Bowman, Benjamin S. Causey, A. Gordon Finley, Jacqueline Hall, Gerald Lankford, Al Stanley, and Dr. Robert B. Taylor.

A dedication service following the renovating and enlargement of the church organ was held on Sunday, October 12th, with a reception afterward. Presenting a concert was Dr. H. Max Smith, professor of music at Appalachian State University. The program noted:

"Today is a very special day in the life of our church. Today we are rededicating the Austin pipe organ which was placed in our church in 1930. The organ has been completely renovated and enlarged. We now have an instrument that will serve our needs as the congregation continues to grow.

"A fund was started in 1912 to purchase the organ. Throughout the years many people have contributed with donations and memorial gifts. Generous gifts from Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, and Drs. Karolen and Tom Bowman have made it possible to complete work on this endeavor.

"Today we sing for joy and thanksgiving and to the glory of God." Thanks to Mary Louise Clements, our present organist and choir director, for her dedication to our music ministry. In appreciation she was presented a gift at the reception.

In preparation for our "Fall Festival of Faith - A Time for Renewal," the Prayer Chain and Commitment committee sponsored a 24-hour period of prayer in October. Couples and families were encouraged to commit themselves to thirty minute segments of prayer in the sanctuary. Our guest preacher and teacher for this festival was Dr. David Burr, retired from First Church, Winston-Salem. He led a five-part study of Colossians, whose overall topic was "The Magnificent Obsession." The services began at the Sunday morning worship, October 19th, and concluded Tuesday evening, October 21st.

At the October meeting of Women of the Church, our guest speakers were Mrs. Mildred Clodfelter and Mrs. Millie Suggs, from First Church, Winston-Salem, who talked on "Pornography." Our president, Virginia Spainhour, is trying to revive interest in Women of the Church monthly meetings with guest speakers. She is also having monthly meetings of the officers.

\$443,000 has been collected toward the \$705,000 goal of our building expansion project and it is hoped that at least \$550,000 will be collected by mid January of 1987, so that construction can begin on the new educational building.

"Called to Serve" was our stewardship campaign '86 theme, launched in November with a family night supper, whose guest speaker, Dr. Albert Edwards, is the retired minister of First Presbyterian, Raleigh.

Dr. Evans was away several days in December grading national organizations in Washington.

The Session reported to congregation donations from special benevolences as follows: Safe, \$500; Sunshine House, \$100; Wilkes Cares, \$500; Social Services, \$350 (for a needy family); Grandfather Home, \$500; Lees-McRae, \$300; Union Seminary, \$1,000; Wilkes YMCA, \$1,000; Child Crisis Team of Wilkes, \$250; and Wilkes County Foster Parenting Association, \$200.

The Session also reported approval of Ellen Lipscomb as local advocate for international missions and approved transferring \$1,000 yearly support for missionary from Sara Dixon, now retired, to Marge Hoffeld, missionary to Zaire.

"An Evening of Christmas Music--Old and New" was presented by Carmon Call Campbell in conjunction with annual Joy Gift celebration in December. She was accompanied by Lynn Hager, daughter of Al Stanley of our congregation. Refreshments and Joy Gift offering were received in the fellowship hall later.

"The Joy of Christmas Living" churchwide celebration was held on December 7th. There were holiday crafts for everyone, a light supper, and a program featuring the children's choir, the Christmas story, and caroling. The leaders were: Mozelle Spainhour, Carolina Finley, Harry Page, Frank and Bobbie Dooley, Sam and Louise Vickery, Edith Murphy, Bob Hill, Linda Reeder, Cathy Snipes, Carol Childers, Myra Carrigan, Penny Musson, Debbie Goad, Parks Church, Linda and Gerald Lankford, Janet Sink, Jack Steele, Cathy McElwee, Mary Louise Clements, Margi Turner, Nell Hobson, the children's choir, and junior and senior high groups.

The Session acknowledged receiving the Parker house property, next door to the sanctuary, as an unencumbered gift from the church members. The building fund balance as of mid December, was \$510,329.30.

Also during the Christmas season the choir performed a cantata, "The Glorious Wait," with Bill Hurd as narrator. Christmas Eve communion service and candlelighting service was held, with a group of new participants in the communion: Justin and Katie Aita, Anna Bauguess, John Bowman, Pratt Butler, Andy Craft, Mary Allison Hall, Bobby Turner, Bill Watts, and Kathryn Worley.

We had four mid-year college graduates: John Myers, East Carolina; Kimberly Searcy, Queens; Barbara Thompson Wright, Appalachian State; and Dan Ogburn, Guilford.

We again sponsored a two-week Christmas International House, in which foreign students come and spend Christmas with us. Virginia and Syd Spainhour and Margi Turner worked weeks in advance scheduling events, getting hosts, and planning food. The students who came were: Taiwan, Leatan Lin, Massachusetts College; Panama, Rodrigo and Herminda Chavis, Georgia Tech; Japan, Hikari Tsunekawa, Georgetown; Thailand, Athipat Cleesun Torn, Florida State; Japan, Noboru Sido, N. C. State; Brazil, Rogerio and Lotaides Da Silva, Louisiana State Veterinary School; Vanessa and Newton Da Silv and their children Syria and Rafik Kalash, Ashland College; Liberia, Tamba S. Tandanpolie, Wilkes Community; and Syria, Basel Ijah, Ashland College.

Our Boy Scout Troop 336 continues to be very active.

We now have seventy scouts from all denominations and have had eighty-two Eagle scouts since 1970. The adult leaders are: Roy Forehand, scoutmaster for 18 years; Harold Blackburn, assistant scoutmaster; Jim Knox, assistant scoutmaster; Andy Moore, assistant scoutmaster; Stan Clark, assistant scoutmaster; Charles Anderson, assistant scoutmaster; and Chris Steele, assistant scoutmaster. There was a troop reunion in February, 1986, at the National Guard Armory with 353 parents and scouts in attendance. There were fifty-one Eagle scouts present. Among Troop 336 activities this year were: for 17th consecutive year, it was named National Honor Troop and received the National Camping award; won 42 awards at Merit Badge School; at District Camporee won four blue ribbons; won blue ribbon at Scout-a-Rama for 13th consecutive year; named Honor Troop at Camp Raven Knob for 17th consecutive year, also largest troop, most awards won (187); troop had 12 new Eagle scouts in 1986; during year 1180 man hours were spent in church, school, and community; won three blue ribbons at Old Hickory Camporee in October; Howard Blackburn, assistant scoutmaster, received Council's highest award, "Silver Beaver;" troop raised \$808 from bulb sale; and troop won total 414 individual awards, 237 merit badges, 111 skill awards, 65 individual advancements.

In 1987 Troop 336 will complete 56th continuous year of activities. Its current scoutmaster, Roy W. Forehand, and its leadership, including Jim Knox of our congregation, have developed and conducted a Scouting program renown for its excellence.

## 1987

We began the first Sunday of the New Year with our usual sacrament of the Supper, and passing of the peace, and a renewal of God's Covenant promises from Jeremiah 31:31-34.

Margi Turner and Syd and Virginia Spainhour expressed their thanks to all who participated in the Christmas International House. After two weeks of sharing, traveling, and living with us, the foreign students took with them a part of us, and left something of themselves behind.

Weekday church school registration was the first week of January. Because our preschool is self-supporting, the tuition was increased for 1987 as follows: 2-year-olds Tuesday and Thursday - \$22.00 per month; 3-year-olds Monday, Wednesday and Friday - \$50.00 per month; 4-year-olds \$60.00 per month.

Sam Vickery was elected 1987 permanent representative to Concord Presbytery; Nancy Church, principal, Blair Gwyn, alternate, to winter meeting of Presbytery, Morganton; Eloise Boyd, principal to the spring meeting.

Our new confirmation class and their sponsors were: Derik Broach, Sam Vickery; Jackie Causey, Bill Lipscomb; Mary Finley, Gerald Lankford; Gina Hart, Syd Spainhour, Fran Lankford, Gordon Finley; and Amanda McDowell, Frank Dooley. Joanne Beeson is the teacher for this class.

Session approved monthly benevolent grants to: Wilkes Cares, \$100; Grandfather Home, Barium Springs; \$100 each to ministerial candidates: Karen Hall Parsons and Jack Ragland. Our Thanksgiving Offering not reported in 1986 was \$1,461.85 to be divided between Grandfather Home and Barium Springs.

Pulpit Exchange Sunday was on February 15th. Dr Welton Seal, Minister of First Baptist Church was our preacher, while Dr. Evans was the preacher at First Baptist.

New members and any other interested persons were invited to attend a class on "The Experiment in Faith and Caring," a five-week experiment dealing with basic Christian living, our Presbyterian heritage, and related topics.

The session approved continued support of \$500 yearly to Teresa Whittington Freeman, a Wilkes native working with the Campus Crusade For Christ in California.

As of January 31st, the Building Fund total was \$591,052.35; our 2-cents-a-meal offering to help alleviate hunger in the world amounted to \$2,261.03 in 1986.

The Commitment Committee sponsored a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and family fellowship on March 3rd. Shrovetide precedes Ash Wednesday, the traditional beginning of Lenten season.

A study group concerning spiritual disciplines, was offered, meeting three Wednesdays over lunch, to be taught by Dr. Evans, to consider solitude, silence and prayer in preparation for Easter.

A bad weather transportation committee was organized to provide food, medicine, or any emergency transportation service for members of our church.

On March 22nd a family night supper was sponsored by the Witness Committee and the Women of the Church. Dr. David Jenkins, Executive Director of the Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church, was the speaker.

Presbytery came to the aid of our S.A.F.E. Program in Wilkes County, which aids abused women, by contributing from the 2-cents-a-meal program \$1500 in emergency funds and \$2500 for the coming fiscal year. Our church is especially involved because the director is Paige Hall, one of our members. The Session gave \$500 emergency aid for a family in crisis.

On Saturday, April 11th, the "All Things Bright and Beautiful" annual Easter event, for the children, sponsored by the Christian education committee, was held. They did a variety of things including crafts, music, a puppet show, bubble making, snacks, and a visit to a nursing home.

Session approved a motion for the Joint Ministerial Committee to recommend the call of Guy Hunt as Minister of Wilkesboro Chapel on a one-half time basis at his present salary. This is to proceed through appropriate channels of Presbytery along with the transfer of his ordination from Southern Baptist to Presbyterian Church, USA.

The service committee sponsored a new member luncheon on April 26th after church services.

On Sunday, May 3rd, we honored Daisy Myers, Hilda Holder and Bobbie Snipes for long and devoted service to the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. They have provided care and Christian nurture for babies and toddlers in the nursery for more than twenty years.

Junior high starvathon was suffered for twenty-four hours with no food, only fruit juices, to aid suffering and starving people all over the world. Participants were sponsored by members of the congregation and proceeds of \$400 went to Wilkes Cares.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders served baked goods snacks before Sunday school on May 10th in honor of Mother's Day. This was a service project sponsored by the Men's Bible Class with proceeds going to Wilkes Cares.

This is the second year of our three-year fund raising campaign and we now have \$600,000.00. Architectural plans for a new fellowship hall were submitted for review to the State Department of Engineers. Soon construction bids will be let.

Another Kergyma class taught by Dr. Evans ended a nine-month study course on May 19th with dinner together. They are: Tom and Penny Musson, Cotton and Nell Hobson, John and Becky Hubbard, Judy Gilreath, Sue Clements, Linda Reeder, Joanne Beeson, Lavinia Evans, Jule Hubbard, Laura Miles, Marolyn Johnson, Nancy Church, Donna McNeill, and Emma Baker.

Our 2-cents-a-meal program began three years ago and has netted two local projects- Wilkes Cares \$2000 for food in 1985, and S.A.F.E. \$4000 for purchasing food and for shelter to their clients. International projects this year are in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, each receiving \$10,000.00.

Pentecost, the Church's spiritual birthday, was observed on June 7th this year. We worshipped jointly with Beulah Presbyterian Church and Wilkesboro Chapel.

Our high school graduates were: Heather Barr, Dorothy Sue Berry, Lisa Marie Foster, Darren Bouchelle, Laura Ann Bushong, Jennifer Gilreath, Christopher Griffin, Arthur Lankford, Alvin Richard Searcy, Jr. and Katherine Wright.

Our college graduates were: Susan Cogdill-MA, Community Education, Appalachian State; Douglas Ford, Magna Cum Laude, BS, Appalachian State; Barbara Thompson Wright, BS, Home Economics, Appalachian State; John Myers, BS, Business Education, Appalachian State; Betty Thompson, BS, Business Admin., Gardner-Webb; Janice Ward, BS, Business Ed., Gardner-Webb; and Kimberly Searcy, BA, English History, Queens College.

Perfect attendance for the children's choir: Erin Taylor, Andy Craft, Mary Catherine McElwee, Lillian Worley, Kristie Johnson, Heather McNeill, Vann Evans, Meredith Gregory, and Katherine Worley. Thanks to Mary Louise Clements, Margi Turner, and Barbara Gregory for their faithfulness in directing these children each week.

Jack Ragland, a member of our congregation and student at Louisville Seminary, was presented to come under the care of Concord Presbytery as a candidate for Gospel Ministry, at a meeting of the Presbytery at Lees-McRae College in June. Jack was guest minister in our pulpit the following Sunday.

Gordon Finley received appointment as an Evangelism Consultant, one of thirteen in Presbytery, to work with local congregations in the new age dawning plan of evangelism. This is a new program to assist churches to examine evangelism.possibilities.

Vacation Church School was the week of July 20th-24th. "Serve the Lord" was the theme, with worship, study, music, recreation and the learning center as usual. Sixty-seven children were enrolled.

On August 9th, after morning worship service, a short ceremony marked the beginning of construction on our new facility. A reception followed. After almost four years of dreaming, planning, meetings, discussions, joys, and frustrations, the actual building will begin. Hallelulah!!! It was a historic time to rejoice and give thanks to God. Bid price for the new 14,600 sq. ft. Fellowship Hall and Educational Building (including a 3,000 sq. ft. basement and an elevator for access to three floors) was \$827,000.00 with James R. Vannoy & Sons Construction Co., West Jefferson.

Our thanks went out to the following teachers who rotated out of Church School: Larry Hall, Mike Brown, Bob Hill, Carol Baugess, Debbie Goad, Courtney Butler, Marc Butler, Gaither Keener, Edith Murphy, Katheryn Holt, Carol Childers, Bobbie Dooley, Viki and Bob Taylor, Syd and Virginia Spainhour, Martha Ogilvie and Perry and Bobbie Snipes.

Our new officers were commissioned on Christian Education Sunday after breakfast served to the congregation, honoring those officers, teachers and youth advisers. Our good "chefs" from the Men's Bible Class, Clay Baugess, Robert Meade, Bill McCachren and Leonard Brooks, were responsible for the bacon, sausage, and pancakes.

The Women of the Church had a busy year with four active circles. Activities included remembering our college students with valentine boxes, working with White Cross for health care in Kwanju, Korea, providing some meals for a hospice family, providing money and items for S.A.F.E. and various other needy organizations, as well as having Bible study and leadership training and opportunities.

Session approved \$1000 from benevolence to support T.S. Cheong, member of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Korean congregation) in Hickory, and approved \$1000 from special benevolences for the Life Enrichment Center, a satellite for the counseling ministry of Baptist Hospital School of Pastoral Care.

Wilkesboro Ministerial Association sponsored "Crop Walk", a ten mile walk on October 11th to benefit the world's poor. Dr. Rob Evans, our pastor, was the coordinator for this county-wide activity.

"Turn Your Heart Towards Home," a movie presentation, was shown six consecutive Sunday evenings, at the First United Methodist Church. Those participating enjoyed a light supper and group discussions for families in all stages of the family life cycle.

Our annual church picnic was held in late August at our usual picnic spot on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Doughton Park.

As of August 11th, the building fund balance was \$627,086.87.

Clara Sibley has completed designing and creating a full set of five Pentecost pulpit cloths. They depict the seasons of the church calendar and will be used at the appropriate times.

A long range planning committee was formed composed of Frank Dooley, Jim Worley, Debbie Goad, Ellen Lipscomb, Arnold Simpson, Jackie Hall and Richard Collier.

Session approved grants of \$750 each to S.A.F.E. and Rainbow House building funds from special benevolence funds. Session also endorsed Steve Snipes, our DCE, as an inquirer/candidate for minister of the word and sacraments, looking toward returning to Columbia Seminary in the fall of 1988. The elders also appointed Syd Spainhour to serve as liaison for Steve to the Concord Presbytery's candidates committee.

The following children participated with their parents in a workshop for admission to Lord's Table: Carol Dalrymple, Tracy Hart, Aimee Hudson, Mindy Hudson, Joseph Keener, Brian Mathis, Ben Padgett and Reid Sturdivant.

We thanked our good and faithful servants who rotated off Session in December: Eloise Boyd, Neill Dalrymple, Edward S. Finley, Bryan Goad, Blair Gwyn, Rodney Kerley, Harry Page and Arnold Simpson.

Plans are under way for a homeless shelter during the winter months. Volunteers were needed to spend one night per month to supervise several adults in a warm shelter. Dr. Evans and Steve Snipes worked with other churches in the Wilkesboros and various organizations to get this going.

Session approved the following grants from special benevolences: \$375, Wilkes Prison Ministry; \$500, Hospice of Wilkes; \$750, Union Theological Seminary; \$500, Respite Care; \$500, Wilkes ADAP; \$750, Duke Power "Share The Warmth"; \$945, Wilkes Cares; \$500, S.A.F.E.; \$500, Shelter for the Homeless; and \$500, 2-cents-A- Meal.

The offering at Thanksgiving was \$1005.25 which was divided between Grandfather Home for Children and Barium Springs Orphanage. An update on stewardship responsive life style statement showed the pledges totaled approximately \$200,000.00.

Our Christmas Calendar was full: first with "Down Home Christmas," in which members of the church family were invited to celebrate Advent. On one Sunday the children's choir sang Christmas music and we had a special offering for the Joy Gift. This was followed by

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Joy Gift reception sponsored by Women of the Church. There was an annual Christmas Luncheon for the church staff at the home of Mary Louise Clements. "The Song of Christmas" by the Chancel Choir, Christmas Eve Communion and candle lighting service all followed. On December 29th the young adults had a holiday dinner.

We were indeed happy to welcome quite a few new members: Tammy Owens Finley, William A. Brame, III, Mrs. Douglas Tomlin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Paschal, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klein, Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Padgett, Derik Broach, Jackie Causey, Mary Finley, Amanda McDowell, Gina Hart, Frances Lankford, Jerry Bumgarner, Sue Cashion, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koster (Affiliate Members), Kate Ogilvie, Nancy Snipes, Kathy Steele, Christine McManus, and Maybell Galt.

We dismissed the following: William Glenn Beeson, Rosemary Marsh Skridulis, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kantlehner, William B. Gwyn, Jr., Jeffrey Mark Dalrymple, and Wayne Miller Marsh.

We were indeed saddened this year by the good members we lost to death: Howard Meade, Catherine Holt Darlington Wilson, Kate Finley, Ethel Myers Seabright, Dr. Smith Hudson, and Robert Gibbs.

We were happy for our newly-weds: Jack Steele and Kathy Holmes, J. Perry Snipes and Nancy Swofford, William B. Gwyn and Rebecca Pulley, Helen Landon and Timothy John Grecsek, Paul Cashion and Sue Eller, Douglas Ford and Sharon Bauguss, and William Underwood and Betty Hicks.

New babies: Daniel Cole to Glenn and Susan Simpson, William Cameron to Cam and Tammy Finley, Lucy Bevin to Ted and Melissa Edgerton, Rachel Allison to Steve and Cathy Snipes, Heather Leigh to David and Angela Powell, Richard Andrew to Richard and Caroline Pierce, Margaret Bryan to Bob and Viki Taylor, Ryan Wayne to Wayne and Anna Marsh, Andrew Franklin to Frank and Elaine Mills, and Madison Marie to Keith and Leasa Garrett.

## 1988

We began 1988 with Communion on the first Sunday.

The Junior Highs began a series on "Life's Difficult Decisions." The first was led by Steve Snipes, our DCE. The topic was "Christian Decision Making." The next program was on "Substance and the Family" with Eddie Carrigan, counselor at New River Mental Health Center, as the speaker. Their next was on "Children of Alcoholics."

The shelter for the homeless got off to a good start on January 10th running through March 31st. We had many volunteers from our church.

During February a group from Hsinchu Presbytery in Taiwan visited Concord Presbytery as part of the Two Presbyterian Partnership Project. We were fortunate to have some of this group with us on February 21st.

Karen Hall Parsons, a member of our congregation and a candidate for Gospel Ministry at Union Theological Seminary, was our guest worship leader on January 31st.

The 1988 confirmation class started meeting with Joanne Beeson weekly until Easter. Members and their elder sponsors are as follows: Greg Baugess, Gerald Lankford; Susan Bumgarner, Walter Hobson; Sterling Hall, Gordon Finley; Bucky Keener, Al Stanley; Alan Kerley, Bill Lipscomb; Mary Catherine McElwee, Bob Taylor; Rob Rhyne, Ben Causey, Kristina Spainhour, Tom Musson.

Our 2-cents-a-meal monthly offering for Presbytery's Hunger Action Program continues to be very rewarding. Concord Presbytery received \$123,675 in 1987. Fifty projects have now been given support, 10 international, and 40 local. In Wilkes we have supported S.A.F.E. and Wilkes Cares food programs.

In early March there was a new member retreat for all our new members to have the opportunity to learn more about church membership, Christian faith, and the Presbyterian emphases of membership.

Dr. Robert Kirkpatrick died February 19th. He served our church as interim pastor from May, 1981 to June, 1982, coming to us when our pastor, Rev. Jim Barksdale, was seriously ill. Dr. Kirkpatrick and his wife, Rosemary, became much beloved in the short time they were here.

On Saturday, March 6th, the children had an Easter Celebration, "Lilies, Rabbits, and Painted Eggs." The focus was on various Easter symbols. Holy Week services were held at Wilkesboro Methodist Church again this year. We also had our annual Maundy Thursday communion and candle lighting service. Flowers for the cross in the church yard and lilies for the sanctuary were brought on Easter Sunday.

The long range planning committee, consisting of Frank Dooley, Jim Worley, Jackie Hall, Debbie Goad, Arnold Simpson, Richard Collier and Ellen Lipscomb, reported that: Kirk Night will be on Wednesdays with a catered meal at 5:30 p.m. Worship options will include: Christian growth study, groups for children, youth and adults; church-wide programs, and sessional committee meetings; a kirk night committee will be created; a volunteer coordinator will be appointed by the Service Committee with responsibility for organizing and leading a core of volunteers to be known as F.I.S.H.; an ad hoc committee will be formed within the service committee to explore community needs and how we, as a congregation, can cooperate with other churches and groups to meet needs in our community on an on-going, long term basis; and will explore the creation of a single adult support/fellowship group.

New members were honored at a luncheon following worship services on May 1st, sponsored by the service committee.

Jim Knox and Becky Pennell were elected to fill unexpired terms on Session. Becky is from the Wilkesboro Chapel, whose members we are now listing on the ballot for church officers.

We had a "Gathering On The Mountain" with other Presbyterians from Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes Counties, on Sunday May 22nd, for hymn singing and music as we celebrated Pentecost at Glendale Springs.

Karen Hall Parsons and Jack Ragland graduated this year from their respective seminaries; Union Theological and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. We felt this to be an unusual opportunity: the nurture of two seminarians at the same time.

Perfect attendance for Children's Choir during the school year were John Bowman, Misty Tate and Bill Watts. Each received a copy of The Hymnal with the recipient's name engraved on it. Several only missed once and deserve recognition: Andi Craft, Tommie Gilreath, Meredith Gregory, Kristie Johnson, Wesley Spainhour, Kathryn and Lillian Worley. Thanks go to Mary Louise Clements and Lavinia Evans, and to mothers, Barbara Gregory, Penny Musson, and Angela Tate.

Our pastor, Dr. Rob Evans, preached Baccalaureate Sermon at Wilkes Central High School. Our high school graduates were: Lucretia Pennell, Stephen Douglas Tomlin, Linda Irene Duffy, Scott Christian Eikenberry, Ann Kendal Finley, Carol Kyles Finley, Zachary Knight Galifianakis, Dana Rae Harrison and Lena Brooke Peterson.

Our college graduates were: Michael Brinegar, AA, Wilkes Community College; Ann Marie Duffy, UNC, Chapel Hill; Melissa Francis, BSBA, Appalachian State; Morgan Francis, BSBA, Appalachian State; Kim Rusch, BS, East Carolina; Michael Salmon, BS, Florida State. In addition, we had the two seminary graduates, and Jennifer Reinhardt who graduated Juris Dr. from Wake Forest.

Presbytery of Concord met at Lees-McRae, Banner Elk, June 17th-18th. Steve Snipes, our DCE, was presented as a candidate for the ministry.

Elizabeth C. Finley and Lewis M. Nelson were honored with recognition during church services and afterwards at a reception on June 12th. Miss Finley was recording secretary for the church school for many years and a member of our chancel choir. Mr. Nelson was a life member of the session and active in all phases of church work. They are moving to a retirement home in Davidson.

Congratulations to Kendal Finley who was selected by Presbytery to participate as a youth representative in the Partnership Project with Hsinchu Presbytery in Taiwan. Kendal will go across the world to spend a month with Taiwan host families, teaching some classes in English, assisting with church schools and other planned activities. Kendal spoke at kirk night when she returned.

First kirk night was on July 27th with an ice cream social and a chance to see the new education building. Kirk nights will be every Wednesday for the whole church family. Dinner will be catered and served followed by programs and chancel choir rehearsals. The program format will be: first and third Wednesdays, small group Bible studies; second Wednesday, committee meetings and service opportunities, and the fifth Wednesday, fun night.

Our vacation church school had as its theme, "Jesus Loves Me." There was opportunity for worship, crafts, music, study, snacks, recreation and celebration. Ninety children and fifty helpers participated. Each day the children learned a different aspect of God's love for us through Jesus Christ.

A children's choir mini camp was held August 8th, 10th, and 12th. The children rehearsed music and learned about church music composers and instruments.

Attending Camp Grier this summer were Anna and Kevin Baugess, Susan and Carol Dalrymple, Aaron Collier, Jimmy Lipscomb, Heather McNeil, Clayton Peterson, and Matthew Ward. Volunteers for one week on staff were: Rev. Guy Hunt, Jr., Carol Baugess, nurse, Joan Dalrymple, counselor, and Jack Steele, counselor.

The resignation of Steve Snipes, DCE, became effective August 28th. We honored him with a reception and gifts after church on Sunday, September 4th. Steve left us to go to Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga. to complete his master of divinity degree.

We welcomed Ellen Lipscomb as interim DCE. She will work about three hours every day Monday through Friday.

We held our annual picnic at Doughton Park in August. We look forward to this Sunday afternoon outing every year.

The plaque at the entrance to our new building says: "This building is dedicated to the Glory of God to further the expansion of God's Kingdom, through the study of His Word and through the fellowship of the Church of Jesus Christ. It has been made possible by the faith of the entire membership and friends of this congregation of North Wilkesboro

Presbyterian Church. May it serve to further the cause of Christ in this generation and generations to come."

Our new Religious Education and Fellowship Hall was dedicated on August 28, 1988. As Wilkes County has grown and changed over the years, so has the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. To meet the needs of its members and to expand its witness for Christ in generations to come, the congregation voted in November, 1984 to expand its facilities. After years of prayer, planning and working together, ground was broken on August 9, 1987. Our music on dedication day featured the chancel choir singing the anthem, "Break Forth Into Joy," a trumpet solo by Charles Myers, "Bless This House," and hymns, "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation" and "God, You Have Set Us In This Time And Place." Our former pastors were listed and remembered on this day: Rev. C.W. Robinson, 1895-1938; Rev. Watt Cooper, 1938-1942 / 1945-1949; Rev. James B. MacLeod, 1950-1956; Rev. Watt M. Cooper, 1957-1970; Rev. James P. Barksdale, 1970-1981; Dr. Robert Kirkpatrick, 1981-1982 (Interim) and Dr. Robert C. Evans, III, 1982- present.

A marriage enrichment seminar was held at Montreat, September 9th, 10th, 11th, and several couples attended from our church.

Perfect Sunday School attendance for the year was achieved by: Daisy Myers, Bob Berry, Blair Gwyn, and Mallie Griffith from Wilkesboro. Our present enrollment is 238, plus 12 from Wilkesboro Chapel, for a total of 250.

The annual Crop Walk for the hungry, sponsored by the Wilkes Ministerial Association, was on October 9th. Our Junior High Fellowship participated as a body, and our pastor has taken an active part every year. The juniors participating were Rob Rhyne, Brian Mathis, Susan Bumgarner, Adam Kerley, Tonya Mahaffey, Janie Sturgill, Mary Catherine McElwee, Julie Goad, Alan Kerley and Wesley Spainhour. They collected \$319.00.

Attending the Presbytery of Concord's celebration of 200 years of Presbyterian Witness in the U.S. on Sunday, October 8th at Davidson College were: Marcella Church, Mary Louise Clements, Sue Clements, Gordon Finley, Jim Knox, Sam Ogilvie, Lavinia, Vann, and Rob Evans.

The theme for Stewardship Emphasis was "Celebrate The Journey." We had a media presentation on our journey as a congregation. Bill Hurd worked up an interesting and entertaining program with the help of Mary Louise Clements, Clay Bauguss and others.

On November 6th, Guy Hunt, Jr., was unanimously called as pastor of the Wilkesboro Chapel (1/4 time). This will enable him to continue his pursuit as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian church. In December he was ordained as pastor at Beulah Presbyterian.

Session approved special benevolence as follows: \$2000 to Indian Trail Presbyterian Church which was burned out during the year. George Lashley, a former member of our church, is now the pastor there; \$1000 to the Prison Chaplaincy Program; \$1000 to the shelter for the homeless; \$600 to YMCA for underprivileged scholarship; \$1000 to Duke Power Emergency Fund; \$1000 to Wilkes CARES; \$1000 to Wilkes Day Care Building Fund; \$1000 to the American Red Cross Armenian Earthquake Fund; and \$500 to Teresa Whittington Freeman, Campus Crusade For Christ.

"Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?" was the theme of Advent celebration this year. Children were asked to bring a boxed, unwrapped gift for a person like themselves, a jar of peanut butter (for Wilkes CARES), and a sandwich and dessert to share on December 4th. The gifts collected went to SAFE, and Wilkes CARES, and the shelter for the homeless.

The International House students we entertained and enjoyed were: Virente Aquiro, El Salvador, Texas Tech; Manuel Duran, El Salvador, Texas Tech; Da Yang Chen, Peoples Republic of China, N.C. State; Osman Parlaktuna, Turkey, Vanderbilt; Naomi Sugizaki, Japan, Central Missouri State; Kouichi Sugita, Japan, W. Virginia; Anand Dabah, India, Rice; and Adalyn George, India, Louisville Seminary.

We were pleased to receive into membership quite a few new members during the year: Ray and Jeanene Burris, Leo Dunn, Terry and Karen McKinney, Tim and Julie Rains, Debbie Moser, Paulette Southern, Greg Baugess, Susan Bumgarner, Sterling Hall, Bucky Keener, Alan Kerley, Mary Catherine McElwee, Rob Rhyne, Kristina Spainhour, Yates and Margaret McConnell, Willard and Dorothy Shell, Charles and Jackie Baker, Howard and

Cheryl Prince, Charlene Bauguss, Kevin Lee Aita, Stephen and Marie Forrest, Carl and Brenda Page, Jim and Delane Wyatt, and George and Christine Cunningham.

We dismissed: Renee Byrd Trollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Haire, Lewis M. Nelson and Elizabeth C. Finley.

Our sympathy went out to the families of our members who died during the year: Elmer Kendrick, Sam Zimmerman, Emma Baker, Edith Murphy, Emma McNeill, Lucy Shook, Mildred Finley, Elizabeth Pharr (Wilkesboro Chapel) and Margaret Gwyn Coffey.

We welcomed a number of babies to our Cradle Roll: Emily Dale, to Dale and Nancy Wayne; Kathren Lee, to Drs. Tom and Karolen Bowman; Patrick Hubbard, to Bob and Ami Hill; Anna Karen, to Steve and Karen Parsons; Morgan Allyn, to Morgan and Melissa Francis; James Franklin to J. Perry and Nancy Snipes; and Emily Jeanene, to Ray and Jeanene Burris.

Several marriages also took place: Sharon Diane Bouchelle to Andre Goulet, Lynn Underwood to Paul McCabe, and Martha Ogilvie to William A. Brame, III.

## 1989

As of January 1, 1989, we have a new Toddler Sunday School Nursery. Children who will be three by September 1st will be promoted to the three-year-old class, children 18 months through 2 1/2 years will form the new class. The three-year-olds will simply join the new toddler group for morning worship.

Offerings received late in 1988 included: Thanksgiving, \$1,050.25; Joy Gift, \$768.00; Matthew 25 Offering, \$1,625.62.

January 8th was a busy Sunday with communion and ordination and installation of new elders.

On Sunday, January 22nd, the Session took the following action for clarification and guidance in looking for an associate pastor. This committee will seek an ordained associate pastor for Christian education, who has strong Christian education gifts, education, background, and interests. The associate pastor will also assist the senior minister with pastoral care.

A retreat for new members was held on March 4th. During its three hours time, the participants talked about the Christian faith as a whole, explored particular emphasis and history of the Presbyterian Church, provided specific information about activities and programs at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Persons interested in joining our church, new members, and any other interested persons were welcomed. A light lunch was served.

The Reverend Maake Masango, minister to the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa came to us, sponsored by the Witness Committee and the Presbyterian Women. His sermon topic was "The Rock That Crumbled." The 1989 Witness Season emphasis of the PC (USA) is South Africa.

The Witness Season offering was taken and members of Beulah Presbyterian church joined us. Their choir and the Chancel Choir sang an anthem together. After the service, light refreshments were served in our new fellowship hall.

The following attended Youth Workers Seminar in High Point on March 11th: Ellen Lipscomb, Ray Burris, Katie Finley, Bryan and Debbie Goad, and Tim and Julie Reins.

As Easter neared, we were reminded of policies and plans for bringing lilies for the sanctuary, flowers for the cross, Holy Week services, Maundy Thursday Communion, Easter Sunday breakfast, and our Easter Sunday services. The Rev. Guy Hunt, Jr., from the Wilkesboro Chapel, gave meditation on Good Friday as part of the Holy Week services, and the Beulah Presbyterian and Wilkesboro Chapel women furnished food to those who attended services that day. Our children enjoyed the "Colors of Easter" day on Saturday.

Our 11th graders, Merritt Galifianakis, Will McElwee, and Ted Lankford, went to Charlotte April 24th and 25th for Vocational Counseling and Testing at Synod's Career and Personal Counseling Center. Ellen Lipscomb accompanied them.

Intercessors began Sunday, May 7th. It is a small group of church members who have covenanted to pray together daily.

A new member luncheon on May 21st was our way of saying "welcome" to those who have joined our church in the last year. The old members brought the lunch!!

Our graduates from high school this year were: David Allen Broach, Stephen Grant Eikenberry, Philip Cameron Keener, Leslie Graham Shell, IV, and Catherine Renee Cashion; and John Barksdale from Hibriten High School, Lenoir. From college were: Elisabeth Springer Barksdale, BA, Psychology, Salem; Robin Nanette Beeson, Speech Pathology, UNC-Greensboro; Helen Landon Grecsek, BA, Art History, Queens; Leigh Griffin, BS, UNC-Greensboro; Laura Schulkin Mustian, BA, Wake Forest; William H. Rusch, Jr., BS, Appalachian State; Stevan Alan Snipes, Columbia Univ. Theological Seminary.

On Sunday, May 28th, there was a reception for Ellen Lipscomb, who has completed her job as interim Director of Christian Education.

The Congregational Care Committee sponsored a Fitness Thru Fellowship organizational meeting. This is a new adventure toward physical well being through

education in good nutrition, walking and fellowship. It is open to "Beginners" and also the more experienced "Health Nuts." Alisa Shomaker and Vania Forehand are in charge.

On May 28th, the congregation called Stevan Alan Snipes as associate pastor for Christian Education. He will begin his work July 1st and we welcome him, his wife Cathy, and their two daughters, Laura and Rachel.

A very generous gift has been given to the church by the estate of our long-time member, Elmer Kendrick. With it the church has acquired the Trivette house and property adjoining our church. We owe a great deal of gratitude for this generous gift to his wife, Hilda Kendrick.

What is a Chrismen Tree? A special Christian Christmas tree with each handmade ornament representing a Christmas symbol of Christ's birth. We will soon begin making, learning about, and working on these beautiful permanent ornaments.

As voted on April 30th by the congregation, the manse, in which our ministers and their families have lived for many years, will be put up for sale in the near future.

Special benevolence included: (1) Wilkes Developmental Day Care, \$2000; (2) Barium Springs, \$500; (3) Respite Care of Wilkes, \$500; (4) YMCA, \$500; (5) Grandfather Home, \$500.

The following young people planned and led worship on May 21st: Alan Kerley, Stephanie Moser, David Broach, Rob Rhyne, Merritt Galifianakis, Vann Evans, Mary Catherine McElwee, Greg Baugess, Tina Taylor, Gina Hart, Frances Lankford, Richard McNeil, Ben Tomlin, Derek Broach, Erin Taylor, Ted Lankford, Julie Goad, Bryan Mathis and Bonita Tomlin.

The theme of Vacation Bible School, July 10th-14th, was "Celebrate GOD's Love" with director, Linda Reeder.

Jackie Hall attended one of four youth conferences held in Montreat. She was a small group leader. This year's theme was "Caution Under Construction."

Our annual church picnic at Doughton Park on the mountain was held on Sunday, August 6th.

Toward the end of the summer, it was decided to complete Phase III of our building expansion program which includes plans to renovate the church offices, convert the old Vanguard classroom into a music/choir room, and replace the old heating and cooling system in the sanctuary. The anticipated cost: \$20,000 - \$30,000.

Our church was saddened by the death of Robert C. Evans, Jr., father of our pastor. Our love and sympathy went out to the Evans family.

Martha Searcy was hired as an aide in Weekday Church School, and all teachers and aides were granted \$50.00 monthly salary increases.

Session approved special benevolences: \$1000 to S.A.F.E., \$500 to Rainbow House, \$500 to Shelter for the Homeless, \$1000 to Rosemary Kirkpatrick for Mission to South Africa.

We had our first annual church family retreat, September 16th and 17th at Holston Presbytery Camp at Banner Elk.

Pictures for the pictorial directory have been mailed out to church families. This committee was led by Dorothy Lewis.

A shower for new toys for the pre-school classes was held on September 24th. The remodeled pre-school area has been divided into two new classes and many new things were needed.

Session adopted a policy of charging a \$50.00 clean-up fee for use of fellowship hall for all non-church functions. The elders also granted permission for the Building and Grounds Committee to proceed with demolition of the Trivette house, clean up and preparation for paving as soon as possible.

Our church sent \$2500 through St. James Church of Greensboro for help in rural and impoverished areas around Charleston, S.C., due to vast damage from Hurricane Hugo in that area.

Our new elders elected in November were: Loy Ray Burris, David Brooks, Frank Dooley, Margery Edgerton, Cameron Finley, Edgar Gregory, Ted Hall, and Viki Taylor.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday was November 19th, with the theme "Stewardship Of All Of Life." David Brooks was the stewardship chairman.

Our young people had a "Scavenger Hunt" where six carloads of youth called at members' homes and received about 50 bags of food for the hungry. Through the year our church, Presbyterian Women, etc., continue to support "Wilkes Cares" with canned goods, clothes, and other necessary items.

Our Christmas Cantata this year was "Their Tidings Of Great Joy." The pulpit area was covered with holiday Poinsettias brought from home by worshippers.

Many thanks to all who helped entertain the International House students, who were with us for two weeks. These students were: Atsuka Tanaka, Western Michigan from Japan; Harumi Handa, Sinclair Community, from Japan; Mingyee Sung, Northwestern from Hong Kong; Miyako Taguchi, Univ. of Southern Mississippi, from Japan; Shingo Higashikawa, West Virginia from Japan; Kaguaki Okuma, UNC at Charlotte from Japan; Tue-Heng Yang, Univ. of Missouri, from Iran; Wen Harn (FNDY) Hwang, Central Missouri State from Taiwan and wife, Shuling (Jennifer).

Col. Roy W. Forehand died in August. He was scoutmaster of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop 336 for many years, during which ninety-two of his scouts attained the highest rank in scouting, the Eagle Award. Col. Forehand himself was an Eagle for 64 years. He earned the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award to an adult scouter, and later won the National Scoutmaster Award of Merit.

At the end of the year 1989, we reported our total active membership to be 590 members. During 1989 we gained 20 members, and lost 18 members through letter of transfer or death.

New members were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, Deborah Baccus, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mecum, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dauenhauer, Rachel Dauenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Legrand, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Nichols, and Susan Bender.

Dismissed: Joe Baker Trostel, Myra McKew, Sara Knox Warren, Jan Elder, and Patricia Piper Wheeler.

We were saddened to lose by death: Dr. Robert G. Taylor, Harold Thompson, Col. Roy Forehand, Ed Runnion, Ben F. Marsh, and DeEtte Mason.

We had a number of marriages during the year: Danny Lane Hunt to Hannah Henson on July 1st; Margaret Tate Ogilvie to Mark Louis Stone on July 15th; Jenny F. Foster to John Richard Wyatt on August 12th; Allen Finley to Janet Cauthen on October 28th; Robin Nanette Beeson to Scott Andrew Morrison on Nov. 11th; Katherine Finley to David Smithey on December 2nd; Jenny Holt to David Garwood on December 9th; and Tim Parsons to Tanya Marie Chen on December 16th.

Our new babies: Robert Zebulon, to Stan and Barbara Wright on May 29th; Sarah Frances, to Leo and Landon Dunn on June 21st; Robert Martin to Ben and Joan Causey on August 6th; and David Joseph to Robert and Vanya Baker on August 19th.

Marcella Church, Becky Hubbard and Donna McNeil attended the second session of the First Presbyterian Woman's Conference at Montreat on June 14-17th.

Fall Learning Event for Presbyterian Women of Salem Presbytery was on Saturday, September 23rd at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro. There were workshops for moderators, other officers, and committee chairpersons.

## 1990

As is fitting for our church family, we gathered around the table to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday in January.

Dr. Evans was away in early January to attend Bethel Bible Series Training in Daytona Beach, Fla. When Dr. Evans returns, he will encourage prospective teachers to train for two years and then the Bethel Series will be implemented into the church education program.

All singles were asked to come and enjoy lunch and fellowship after worship service one Sunday a month. Rev. Steve Snipes, our associate minister, accompanied this "Out To Lunch Bunch."

On January 13th, the 1990 Confirmation Class gathered at the home of Joanne Beeson to begin ten Sundays of study. All eighth graders or other youths who have not participated before were urged to attend. These young people are: Brian Brown, Rachel Dauenhauer, Vann Evans, Julie Goad, Courtney Keener, Richard McNeil, Brian Mathis, Tad Underwood and Nathan Underwood.

At 1989 year's end, a statistical report was sent to the Presbyterian Church, USA. We showed a total membership of 590 active members. With this total we gained 20, and lost 18 by death or dismissal. We had 276 enrolled in Sunday School, with an average of 174 attendance.

The manse was sold officially on January 30th. Dr. Evans and his family moved to their country home at Wilbar. They later moved to Wilkesboro.

The Thanksgiving Offering for 1989 was \$1,115.93 for Barium Springs and Grandfather Home. The Matthew 25 Christmas Eve Offering was \$1,829.63.

Witness Season Sunday was on February 25, 1990. All youth and adult classes met in the fellowship hall with Hewan Hon as guest teacher. "Bear Witness To Light" was his topic. The special Witness Season Offering goes to help support the Globalmission (50%) Evangelism and Church Development (25%), Education and Congregational Nurture (25%). Rev. Hon is Assoc. Presbyter for Congregational Life In Salem Presbytery.

An area meeting for evangelism networking was held in our church March 10th. It was open to church members from Alleghany, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties. The purpose is to establish and support a network for promoting, encouraging, and resourcing the work of evangelism in local churches.

Our elders had a two-hour mini-retreat work session to identify specific goals of the church for 1990. They named as top objectives: Evangelism with a goal of 10% increase in membership; Christian Education to work toward strengthening and wider participation in Sunday School with greater emphasis on the Bible; Stewardship of the Environment, to develop and implement a church plan for re-cycling of paper, plastic, glass and aluminum; Congregational Care, to continue to strengthen our ministry to each other; and Day Care, to explore the possibility of implementing child care options as a ministry of the church to the community.

Sunday, March 11th, a member of our church family, Jack Ragland was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, USA. He graduated from Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He will serve as pastoral counselor in the Louisville area. His ordination was led by a commission from Salem Presbytery. A reception was held in the fellowship hall at the close of service.

A new member retreat was held on Saturday, March 17th at the church for about four hours.

On March 4th it was announced that Mrs. Hilda H. Kendrick has promised a bequest of \$500,000 designated for a child care center to be planned, built and operated by the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Preliminary plans are for half of the funds to be used to build and equip the center, with the remainder to be set aside for a permanent operation endowment. The day care center is to be a ministry of this congregation to our community. Mrs. Kendrick and her late husband, Elmer S. Kendrick, have expressed their Christian faith and loyalty to this congregation through major benevolences to the church.

It has been decided that proceeds from the sale of the manse are to be divided, half toward the debt on the fellowship hall, and half into a trust fund to be used should a short-fall in the budget occur.

Mamie and Richard Collier, Ellen and Bill Lipscomb, Penny and Tom Musson, Betty Powell, Katie and David Smithey and Rev. Steve Snipes attended a Youth Specialties National Seminar for youth leaders on March 17th in Charlotte.

Our now traditional Easter celebration for children from Kindergarten through Grade 6 was held Saturday, April 7th. Arts, crafts, music, stories, refreshments and special activities were included.

Our church now has hospital and sick room supplies, such as wheel chair, crutches, a hospital bed, walkers and canes available for loan to members.

Holy Week services were April 9th-13th, sponsored by the Wilkes Ministerial Association and held at Wilkesboro Methodist Church. Our customary Easter breakfast, flowers on the cross, procession of our children on Palm Sunday, and Maundy Thursday communion service were all parts of the services.

Youth Sunday was May 6th. After music by the Youth Choir, Vann Evans led the Prayer of Confession. The sermonette was presented by Fran Lankford and Amy McDowell. Others taking part were Nathan Underwood, Erin Underwood, Gina Hart, Amanda McDowell, Ted Lankford and Erin Taylor. On May 13th, the youth invited their parents for dinner in appreciation for support of youth programs and youth suppers.

The Mountain Presbyterian Gathering was held on May 20th for Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga Counties. A picnic was held at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

We received from our special offerings: Easter Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing \$692.00; Maundy Thursday Offering \$1,000.00 (used locally by our service committee for the needy).

As an environmental and economical measure we are discontinuing the use of styrofoam and paper cups and plates. We are now using washable ones. Sunday School Classes will take turns washing up.

We continue with our 2-Cents-A-Meal offering, taken on the last Sunday of each month. The money is designed to help with the Hunger Action Program, used locally and around the world.

During the month of June, an elective Church School Class was offered for adults. The topic, Ethical Issues; the subjects and their teachers were "Bio-Medical Ethical Dilemmas," Drs. Tom and Karolen Bowman; "Ethical Issues in Business," Gerald Lankford; "Principles For Christian Decision Making," Dr. Robert Evans; "Judicial Ethical Decisions," Judge Edgar Gregory.

We continued to help Wilkes Cares by keeping a donations box outside the church office. The agency specifies what it wants our church family to give each month. Peanut butter, canned goods and cereals are priority items.

Our high school graduates for 1990 were: Merritt Galifianakis, Ted Lankford, Will McElwee, Emily Hunt, Andy McDowell and Kim Tisdale.

College graduates for 1990 were: Stuart Barr, Berea; Linda Burton, Appalachian State.; Jennifer Dooley, UNC Greensboro; Crystal Moore, Appalachian State.; and Melanie Pennell, UNC Chapel Hill.

The three Wilkes County Presbyterian congregations held a joint Pentecostal Service at Wilkesboro Chapel in June. Wilkesboro Chapel has 25 members. Rev. Guy Hunt is pastor of both the chapel and Beulah. Six members of North Wilkesboro serve with six members of Wilkesboro Chapel to further the growth and ensure the continued maintenance and preservation of the Wilkesboro church.

The topic for Vacation Bible School, July 16th-20th, was "Journey With Jesus." Closing celebration was an opportunity for parents and friends to join in a program and lunch.

On Thursday evening, July 19th, Ilunga Kalenga, Director of Christian Health Center in Zaire, visited with us for a covered dish supper. This health center began in 1977, one of the two mission partnerships we help support with our 2-Cents-A-Meal Offering.

Our second annual family retreat at Camp Cheerio on September 15th-16th was a huge success. Marcella Church and Alisa Shomaker of the Commitment Committee were in charge.

We enjoyed our annual church picnic at Doughton Park with bountiful picnic baskets of food, fun and fellowship, and the beautiful view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Kirk night, after a summer off, resumed in September with an ice cream supper. This year two persons from the congregation are assigned to help the chef to clean up. Kirk night has proved to be very successful as a one night event taking care of much church business, including committee meetings, choir practices, Bible studies and other programs, a catered meal, and some "just fun" nights.

Sunday, September 9th, was designated as Day of Emphasis for Christian Education, to honor our church Sunday school teachers. Breakfast was served to everybody and recognition given at morning service to those who served in 1989-90 and those who will be serving 1990-91. The library committee held open house that afternoon to let the congregation see the new, updated, look in the library.

We congratulate our new elders: Clay Bauguss, Joanne Beeson, Nellie Hobson, Gordon Finley, Gerald Lankford, Ellen Lipscomb, Syd Spainhour and Sam Vickery.

Celebration of Advent was on December 2nd for the entire congregation. There were craft activities, a children-youth musical presentation, and a snack supper. Children brought unwrapped gifts for children of their own age at the Rainbow Center or S.A.F.E., and peanut butter to go to Wilkes Cares.

Our Chrismon Tree was lit on December 2nd. Marguerite Moore led the congregation in a litany on "The Lighting of The Chrismon Tree" This was the second year of this beautiful tree of 3500 lights, 250 special ornaments, all depicting something about the life of Christ.

The 1991 budget was approved at \$267,284.00. The administration committee approved the following benevolences: Wilkes Cares, \$100.00; Barium Springs, \$200.00; Grandfather Home, \$200.00; Hospice of Wilkes, \$500.00; Rev. Jack Ragland, \$200.00; Wilkes Cares, \$1000.00; Wilkes YMCA, \$2000.00; Rainbow Center, \$750.00; Columbia Seminary, \$500.00; Service Fund (local), \$1000.00; S.A.F.E., \$1000.00; Families of Soldiers, \$500.00 (Saudi Arabia); Christmas Presents, \$300.00 (children of prison inmates); Duke Power's Community Heating, \$1000.00; Grandfather Home, \$2500.00; approved \$2400 Grant Application from Wilkesboro Chapel to Salem Presbytery; and approved sale of church van.

The Congregational Care Committee filed this report: Our goal is to carry on the work as the previous committee with more emphasis on visiting the homebound, chronically ill and bereaved. We made 90 home visits, 35 telephone calls to the ill, and contacted new members, taking them out to lunch. Cards were sent and deaths of close relatives were also noted with visits.

We had lots of new babies this year: Chelsea Nicole to Carl and Brenda Page on December 29, 1989; Joel Pearson to Claude and Debra Faw on January 10th; Kristen Padgett to Todd and Cherryl Norris on February 4th; Thomas Richmond to Don and Donna Mulnix on May 3rd; Eleanor Elizabeth to Paul and Lynn McCabe on June 6th; Logan Perry to Charles and Angela Tate on August 29th; and Kathleen Sydnor to Charles and Cathy Hubbard on December 18th. A rose was placed near the pulpit in honor of these babies on the Sunday following their births.

The following members were lost by death: J. Max Garrett on January 31st; Olaf Adams on June 10th; Gladys Hudson on September 16th; and Ms. Laura Gray Green (Wilkesboro Chapel) on November 23rd.

We had several marriages during the year: Kimberly Searcy to Darrell Hendren on January 27; Kevin Lee Aita to Gilda Lynne Gaskill on June 30; Mary Finley to Brian Hemric on August 11; Leigh Griffin to Garrett Felton on November 3.; and Robert Vickery to Linda Burton on November 18.

We dismissed: Mrs. Annette Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Baker, Mrs. and Mrs. Michael McAdams and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman.

We received new members during the year: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Alan Tilton, Mike McNeil, Mrs. and Mrs. David Steed (he is an affiliate member), Darrell R. Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monday, Linda O. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. David Day, Mr. and Mrs. David Bender, Clive Adam Miller, David F. Smithey, Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, Brian Brown, Rachel Dauenhauer, Vann Evans, Julie Goad, Courtney Keener, Richard McNeil, Brian Mathis, Tad Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eller, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight

McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mulnix ( he is an affiliate member), Dr. and Mrs. Clarke Stevens, Clarke Stevens, Jr., Tony Stanfield, Mr. and Mrs. James Cashman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stroud, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee McConnell.

Our Presbyterian Women had many special activities including the Valentine boxes for college students, a birthday celebration, five active circles that met monthly for Bible study, a Love-In-Action group who shows love and concern for our members. "The Least Coin" given for ministries of mercy, and help with White Cross and other organizations where service is needed.

The usual Christmas activities ended our year in December. Our Cantata, "The Shepherds," the Joy Offering for retired servants of the church and their families, Christmas caroling and youth parties, Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service.

Our offerings included: "The Least Coin," which is our smallest coin in our pocketbooks on Circle Day. It is used for ministries of mercy on every continent, to those of different nationalities, race, cultural, economic and religious backgrounds. Thanks Offering - 33% of this goes to support Medical Missions throughout the world. Women are asked to set aside coins for this purpose during the fall. We collected \$289.83 this year.

## 1991

The North Wilkesboro Presbyterians said "Happy New Year" to 1991 and looked forward to another great and inspirational year. We began with Holy Communion on the first Sunday, January 6th. Circles met for the first time on January 8th. Kirk night began again on the ninth.

The confirmation class met on January 5th with Joanne Beeson, their leader, in preparation to becoming active members. Our weekday church school began its 1991 session.

Every Sunday we extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us, and the possibility of church membership for those who are seeking to be in a body of Christ in our community. Prayer concerns may also be written on confidential intercessory prayer request cards in the pew racks.

The Session approved putting on the inactive roll those non-resident members who have been out of our community for one year.

It was necessary for the session to reduce the 1991 budget by \$20,000, making a total budget of \$248,759.00. Most of the cuts came from benevolences, local by \$10,000, and Presbytery by \$5,000. Reasons for the deficit were the rising cost of utilities and fuel, increases in annuities to the church staff, and a general reduction in giving for the last quarter of the year. Our building and grounds costs were also reduced by \$5,000. We are going through anxious times but it is hoped that as the year progresses, we may be able to build into the budget the items that were cut.

On February 3rd the annual meeting of the congregation was held after worship service. The congregation received reports, reviewed the 1991 budget, and approved changes in the calls of our pastors. A catered soup and sandwich lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

There was good response to the six-week Lenten study on prayer, with one group to meet on Wednesdays at 12 noon, beginning February 13th, and the other group to meet in the evening. The study will implement Maxie Dunnans' "The Workbook On Living Prayer."

We joined several denominations in the Wilkesboros in a prayer service for peace led by clergy and lay persons.

The congregational care committee reminded us that it is charged with caring for members of our church family who are bereaved, hospitalized, need prayer, or who may be homebound, or have special needs. Margery Edgerton is the chairman for 1991, Sam Vickery is the contact person, and Jackie Hall, contact person in the case of the death of a member.

Beginning in April, the mail out newsletter from the church, heretofore a weekly communication, will be sent every other week. It is anticipated that we will save about \$1,000 per year.

Our Easter schedule included: a children's Easter celebration on Saturday, a Palm Sunday processional by the children, Maundy Thursday communion services with a Matthew 25 Offering received for use by the service committee. On Easter Sunday, March 31st, activities included: a breakfast for the entire congregation, church school school, worship and Communion, and a reception for 1991 confirmants. Everyone was invited to bring fresh cut flowers from home to place on the cross in the church yard on Easter morning.

Dr. Evans conducted a class for four Sundays for new members or persons interested in becoming members of our congregation. It was to explore the history and doctrines of the Presbyterian Church and related subjects.

The Witness Season offering taken on April 14th went to support world wide missions of the church. The offering this year was divided between the Presbyterian Church Witness Program and Medical Benevolence Foundation. Our offering was \$1,189.00.

The Matthew 25 Offering was \$1,147.02; at Easter "One Great Hour Of Sharing" amounted to \$546.25.

Our support and encouragement was given to our young people as they led us in worship services on May 5th. Fran Lankford, Bill Watts, Kevin Baugess, Amanda McDowell, Erin Taylor, Susan Dalrymple, Julie Goad, Gina Hart, Doug Tomlin, Richard McNeil, Alan Kerley, Vann Evans, and Heather McNeil helped with the service.

We congratulated our high school graduates: Amanda McDowell, William John Foster (Wilkesboro Chapel), Derik Jackson Broach, Mary Finley Hemric, Ona Frances Lankford, and Clarke W. Stevens, III. Our college graduates were: Elizabeth Brinegar (Wilkesboro Chapel), N.C. State; Allison Saunders, Western Carolina; Lori Webster, Appalachian State; Jennifer Rachelle Gilreath, Baylor; Heather McDonald Barr, Berea; Laura Elizabeth Brooks, Salem; Laura Anne Bushong, UNC, Chapel Hill; and Susan P. Barr, Wake Forest Graduate School.

Our pastor, Dr. Evans, was elected by the Presbytery to attend General Assembly in Baltimore. We remembered him and our denomination with prayer during this crucial meeting.

Children's choir mini-camp met July 1st, 3rd, and 5th. Each day they would sing, learn about musical composers, learn music, listen to different instruments, have devotions, snacks, watch videos and play. Mary Louise Clements and Steve Snipes invited all rising first graders through rising sixth graders to attend.

All adult church school classes met for July Forum with subject "Being Presbyterian In A Changing World." On July 7th the subject was "Issues Before The General Assembly" by Dr. Robert C. Evans. On July 14th, "Presbyterian Heritage And Have Historically Dealt With The Change" by Rev. William R. Knox, retired minister from Salem Presbytery. On July 21st, "A Presbyterian Minister Looks At Evangelism For The 90's" by Rev. Carol Bender, Minister of McQuay Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. On July 28th, "Presbyterian Support Of Residential Care Homes For Children" by Earle Frazier, Director of Barium Springs Home For Children.

Our Vacation Bible School was held on July 22nd - 26th with the theme, "Share God's Blessings," with ages three years through rising 7th graders. Eighty children attended.

On August 4th our annual picnic was held at Doughton Park. We always enjoy the beautiful scenery, bountiful food, and hospitality on the mountain.

On August 11th we kicked off our year-end campaign: Our goal: to raise \$60,000 by December 31st. Our three-fold purpose: 1) To retire debt on new building (current debt is \$30,000); 2) To improve acoustics in the fellowship hall (approximate cost \$15,000); 3) To create reserve fund for future capital expenditures, \$15,000. this is called our "Cap It Off" Campaign with Ted Hall, chairman.

The Session approved the purchase of property on the corner of "F" and 8th Street and the sale of the Nelson property off Tenth Street. From the special benevolence fund they approved \$500 to the Sturgill Fund, \$500 to service fund, and raised the price of Kirk night dinners to \$2.75.

"Journey In Fellowship" was the theme of our church fall retreat at Camp Cheorio, held September 7th and 8th. The Commitment Committee sponsored this with Syd Spainhour as chairman. Seventy-seven people attended and it was a delightful way to end summer and begin fall.

Our Children's Worship began September 15th and includes all four, five, and six year olds. Children stay in the sanctuary through the second hymn, then they meet for prayer with the pastor before going out to their own service with rotating adult teachers.

On World Wide Communion Day, Sunday, October 6th, in observance of Worldwide Fellowship of the Christian Church, we celebrated the Sacrament of the LORD's Supper and our unity in CHRIST with Beulah Presbyterian Church and Wilkesboro Chapel.

We had a special peacemaking offering also on October 6th, with moneys being designated as follows: 50% for Local Service Fund, 25% to Presbytery Peacemaking Efforts, and 25% to General Assembly Peacemaking Offering.

Our area churches sponsored a ten mile walk to raise money for world hunger. One fourth of this "Crop Walk" money will stay in Wilkes County to support the food pantry of "CARES".

Newly elected elders were: Eloise Boyd, Lavinia Evans, Rebecca Hubbard, Donna McNeil, Gary Cogdill, Bob Thompson, Harry Page and Jim Worley.

A lay reader program was started by the worship committee.

Our stewardship dinner was on November 3rd. It was a time of fellowship, education and inspiration. Everybody is invited to participate and consider anew "What Love Requires Of

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Us." On Stewardship Sunday, we dedicated our time, talents and financial resources by pledging \$248,120.00.

On the first Sunday of advent, we not only lit the first candle of advent, but also the Chrismen Tree. Our tree is full of lights, 3500 of them, to remind us that God's light has shown on us and our world. The 250 handmade ornaments each depict something about the life of Christ. During the Christmas season, the tree enhances our worship and praise of God for the gift of His Son.

On Sunday, December 15th, "A Celebration Of Advent and Christmas In Music," was presented by the chancel choir with a program of Christmas Music concerning the glorious birth. Selected pieces told the story of prophecy, fulfillment, rejoicing, searching, giving and love incarnate. The Joy Gift offering, to support retired servants of the church, was received at this time.

Our Christmas celebration was "Something's Up Down In Bethlehem" as proclaimed in song by the Children's Choir. The children were asked to bring gifts tagged for someone similar in age and adults were asked to bring peanut butter and other canned goods. The gifts went to our local Rainbow Center and to SAFE, and the food went to Wilkes Cares.

We accepted with regret the resignation of the Reverend Stevan Snipes, our associate minister, who plans to accept a position in Community Ministry of Disabled Children in Wilkes and Alleghany Counties through the Developmental Evaluation Center, and to serve as pastor of a yet-to-be-named small church in Salem Presbytery. Steve will be greatly missed in so many ways and we wish him Godspeed in his new endeavors. A reception was held in his honor after worship service on December 29th.

Baptized children who were admitted to the Lord's Table during the year were: Tyler Brooks, Aaron and Alex Collier, Elizabeth Cunningham, Paul Bowman, Wesley Cogdill, Stuart Hill, Alison Mulnix, Rachel Snipes, Don Stroud, Anna Trice and Amy Mulnix.

We rejoiced with our young parents and their new babies as follows: Allison Margaret to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Miller on February 7th, Robert Tate to Mr. and Mrs. Cam Finley on March 14th, Katherine Courtney to Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Snipes on March 18th, Joshua Ty Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Parsons on April 16th, Ian Tucker to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Francis on June 4th, Carolina Summer to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page on August 29th, Laura Jane to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burris on September 6th, Benjamin Todd to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wayne on September 27th, Grant Hudson to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent H. Shumate on September 19th, Anna McCartney to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill on December 21st, and William Hall to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Parsons on November 30th. A rose was placed on the baptismal font in honor of these babies on the Sunday after each birth.

We sent our love and sympathy to the families of the following members of our church who died during the year: Frank P. Hartley, March 25th; Cecile Meade, May 9th; Emma Lee Summers, June 9th; Hazel Wiles, June 29th; Charles T. Justin, July 2nd; Clara Gentry, July 8th; Jerry Wayne Myers, October 5th; Jane Klein, October 14th; and Sam Ogilvie, November 4th.

We welcomed the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brooks, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gresham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huie, Robert Trent Crawford, Tommie Gilreath, Mindy Hudson, Alyssa Peterson, Andy Rhyne, Bill Shell, Erin Taylor, Erin Underwood, Bill Watts, Garrett Yelton, John Richard Wyatt (Wilkesboro Chapel), Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiles, and Dorothy Owen.

Dismissed were: Allen Finley, III, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Butler, Jr., Mrs. William Smoak, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tilton.

We had quite a few young couples who were married during the year: LeDell Winslow to Calvin Lee Moxley on December 14th, Daniel Carter Ogburn to Anita Smith on December 29th, Laura Schulkin Mustian to Paul Rogers Anderson on April 13th, Steven Lloyd Johnson to Rebecca Jo Triplett on April 13th, Cynthia Page to Dana Claude Bentley on April 27th, Laura Bushong to Scott Alan Sherman on June 23rd, Pamela Lee Jones to Donnie Brock on June 15th, Helen Sisk Landon to Gordon Alan Terranova on July 27th, and Caroline Hubbard Pierce to Drew Czerkawski on October 12th.

Presbyterian Women birthday offering and installation was on May 14th. Speaker was Sue Padgett, Director of ADAP. New officers were installed as follows: Moderator, Mamie

Collier; Vice Moderator, Barbara Gregory; Secretary, Alisa Shomaker; Treasurer, Margery Edgerton; and Historian, Roberta Marsh.

This year there was a national economic downturn, but our congregation gave from the heart and continued to reach out to those in need. We also rebounded from a budget deficit in 1990.

## 1992

Eight new communicants joined our congregation's celebration of the Lord's Supper on Jan. 6th. They are: Wesley Cogdill, Paul Bowman, Stuart Hill, Alison Mulnix, Amy Mulnix, Rachel Snipes, David Stroud and Anna Trice.

Their successors, the 1992 confirmation class, began their studies the next Saturday at the home of their advisor, Joanne Beeson. In this group are Ashli Craft, Heath Bailey, Andy Craft, Susan Dalrymple, Bern Gregory, Adam Kerley, Heather McNeil, Erin Musson, Wesley Spainhour and Misty Tate.

Installed in January was the 1994 class of elders: Eloise Boyd, Becky Hubbard, Donna McNeil, Harry L. Page, Bob C. Thompson and James T. Worley.

Sessional committees for the year are: Commitment: Syd Spainhour, chmn., Donna McNeil, co-chmn., Lavinia Evans, co-chmn., Marcella Church, Bob Beeson, Charles Tate, Susan Bender, Clyde and Marie Monday, Terry and Karen McKinney, Cam Finley and Virginia Spainhour; Kirk Night: Ellen Lipscomb, chmn., Jim Worley, co-chmn., Richard Collier, David and Katie Smithey, Patricia Sturdivant, Karen Watts, Ellen Rhyne, Bill Richardson, Heather McNeil and Aaron Collier; Day Care: Frank Doolley, chmn., Eloise Boyd, Susan Bender, Ray Burris, Gaither Keener, Donna McNeil Rob Evans, ex officio; Service: Gary Cogdill, chmn., Ed Gregory, co-chmn., Melissa Francis, Dan and Anita Day, J. Perry Snipes, Steve and Sandy Forrest, Roz Rusch, Alan Miller, Debbie Moser and David Bender; Witness: David Brooks, chmn., Gordon Finley, co-chmn., Bob Thompson, co-chmn., Dot Lewis, Margi Turner, Richard Collier, Heather McNeil, Tom Musson and Lynn Brooks; Worship: Nellie Hobson, chmn., Viki Taylor, co-chmn., Eloise Boyd, co-chmn., Penny Musson, Ruth McCachren, Betty Thompson, Cotton Hobson, Lowell and Karen Bushong, and Mamie Collier; Joint Ministry: Bob Thompson, chmn., Grace Kelly, Florence and Blair Gwyn, Richard Sheets, Guy Sheets, Becky Pennell, Rob Evans and Guy Hunt, ex-officio. Charlotte Pagett, a member of the congregation, was appointed administrative assistant to Dr. Evans during the interim before a Director of Education is employed. The search committee for a new DCE is Cam Finley, chmn.; Angela Tate, Bob Hill, Joanne Beeson, Bill Richardson and Richard McNeil.

In April the DCE search committee recommended that we call M. Edye Williamson to the post. A native of Clemson, S.C., and a graduate of Clemson University and of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., Ms. Williamson began her duties in July.

During the annual congregation meeting at kirk night on Feb. 19th we marked the retirement of debt on the new fellowship hall with a note burning.

Our witness season speaker this year was Ali Mabitsela, a young South African who attends UNC-Greensboro and is financially supported by our congregation. Through his education and his potential for service in his country's future, we witness our faith.

Eighteen new members of our congregation were welcomed at a luncheon after Sunday worship service in April. They are: Mr and Mrs. Dan McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Caudill, Janie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoekstra, Donald Hoekstra, Michael Absher, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. David Stinson, Crystal Moore, Joel Laster, Edye Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sloop, Richard Knox Sloop, Ben Sloop, Margaret Sloop, the eight members of the communicants class, and, in the Wilkesboro Chapel, Mark Bumgarner, Mike Bumgarner, and Rebecca Triplett.

Our traditional Easter observances took place again this year, becoming more meaningful each time. Another special day, Presbyterian Heritage Sunday in May, we were joined by members of Beulah Presbyterian and Wilkesboro Chapel. Beulah members, Felicia Waugh and Debbie Coles, presented the music portion of the service.

On May 17th our high school juniors and seniors led worship service. Participants were Richard McNeil, Mindy Hudson, Devon Musson, Ashli Craft, Andy Craft, Adam Kerley, Aaron Collier and members of the youth choir.

Five session members, Joanne Beeson, Syd Spainhour, Clay Bauguss, Gerald Lankford and Cam Finley, and two representatives from the congregation at large, Susan Cogdill and Gordon Ogilvie, have been appointed by the session to determine our participation in the church wide Bicentennial Fund. The committee recommended that our congregation set

\$75,000 as its three-year goal, two-thirds to fund five projects of the PCUSA and one-third to go to two local projects, Wilkes Habitat for Humanity and Wilkes Prison Ministry, divided equally. Half of each year's contribution is to come from the Kendrick Endowment Fund, the other half from the congregation.

Martha Ogilvie Brame directed Vacation Church School in June. Its theme this year was "Together In Jesus' Name" and was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic attendance.

One of our own, Rev. Karen Hall Parsons, preached in June. She was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacraments in September at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, S.C.

Salem Presbytery, three hundred representatives strong, met at our church on July 18th. This is a first for us and, under the leadership of the service and witness committees, many of our members and Beulah and Wilkesboro Chapel members made it happen.

Our former minister, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, was our guest minister for a July worship service. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, who now reside at the Presbyterian retirement home in Davidson, served our congregation for thirty years.

An August picnic at Doughton Park took its important place on our calendar again this year.

Looking ahead, we chose a Centennial Planning Committee to get things going for our one hundredth birthday in 1993. A weekend celebration on July 24th and 25th will be the centerpiece and a re-issue and updating of the church history is also expected. On the committee are: Jane Ogburn, chmn., Edward Finley, Mary Elmore Finley, Sue Clements, Sam Vickery and Virginia Spainhour.

In September Beulah Church released Rev. Guy Hunt, Jr., from his pastoral duties in order for him to go to the Danbury Presbyterian Church. Our congregation concurred by dissolving the relationship with Rev. Hunt whereby he served one-quarter time as Wilkesboro Chapel minister. A pastor search committee was charged with procuring a replacement: Blair Gwyn, Grace Kelly, Becky Pennell, Richard Sheets, Syd Spainhour and Bob Thompson. Virginia Spainhour was appointed to the Joint Ministry Committee.

In October we elected nine new elders, eight to make up the Class of 1995 and one, to be chosen by lot, to fill a Class of 1994 vacancy. The 1995 Class are Karolen Bowman, Charles Klein, Geoffrey Pagett, Becky Pennell, Perry S. Snipes, Robert Taylor and William Watts. Robert Hill, Jr., is to join the Class of 1994.

Peacemaking Offering, an October event, was divided among local use (one-half), Presbytery (one-fourth) and General Assembly (one-fourth).

Admission of Baptised Children to the Lord's Table workshop prepared seven of our children for this sacrament. They were recognized at a November service, for which they had baked the ceremonial bread. They are: Patrick Hill, Jessica Norris, Michael Baker, Tyler Sink, Peter Lipscomb, Carter Sturdvant and Ashley Jones.

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" was the 1992 Stewardship campaign theme. Visitation by elders, a kick-off covered dish supper and "Minutes for Missions" helped make the campaign a success. A proposed budget of \$271,581 was proposed, toward which \$260,000 has been pledged. Other expected receipts allow us to proceed with a fully-committed program.

The Kirk Night programs, begun in 1988, continue to succeed. After communal supper, we have Bible study on the first and third Wednesdays, special programs of general interest on the second Wednesdays, committee meetings on the fourth Wednesdays and Fun night on the fifth. Dr. Evans led a study on racism at several kirk nights, with participation by members of Beulah and Wilkesboro. Programs on Camp Grier, Romania, and the Youth Triennium were also highlights. In December Mrs. Elmer (Hilda) Kendrick was honored at a special kirk night for her generous contribution to our church.

The Kendrick Funds were studied and re-directed by our Session this year. It was decided, with Mrs. Kendrick's approval, to invest the \$500,000 in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation Investment Service, with grants from it to go to benevolent purposes rather than for the building of a day care center. The first grant from the fund is nine thousand dollars toward the construction of Habitat for Humanity's first house in Wilkes County.

An Advent devotional booklet, a new venture written by members of our congregation, was sponsored by the Christian Education committee this year. The first Sunday in Advent we lit the first candle on the Advent wreath and turned on the Christmon tree lights nearby.

Ornaments for a Fellowship Hall Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations for the church resulted from a kirk night workshop. The role of music in the worship of God was evident once more in the adult choir's Christmas Cantata, "Wondrous Night," and the children's choir's musical, "The Night Before Christmas," the latter performed at our churchwide Christmas celebration. On this occasion children brought gifts for needy children and adults contributed canned goods.

On Christmas eve itself, as has been our custom for many years, we held a communion and candlelighting service. Rev. Stevan Snipes assisted Dr. Evans at this service.

This year there have been four women's circle groups totaling 104 members. Also there are 31 women in the love-in-action circle, 27 in young women's group, 13 in sewing for missions and four in the homebound circle. The WOC coordinating team meets monthly. The WOC was under the leadership of Mamie Collier from January to May. Valentine boxes were sent to college students and crosses presented to the confirmation class. In May a covered dish supper was held for the birthday offering dedication and the installation of new WOC officers. They are: Barbara Gregory, moderator; Christine McManus, vice-moderator; Linda Lankford, secretary; Margery Edgerton, treasurer; Sue Clements, historian; Martha Brame, chmn., search committee; Marcella Church, spiritual enrichment communicator; Bobbie Snipes, missions communicator; Jackie Hall, social concerns communicator; Marie Monday, love-in-action chmn., Patricia Sturdivant, young women's group chmn. Circle moderators are Paulette Southern, Doris Berry, Florence Gwyn, Ruth Ford and Joanne Beeson.

Sterling Hall, a member of Boy Scout Troop 336 and of our congregation, was awarded his Eagle Scout Badge on Feb. 2nd and Richard McNeil worked on the pre-school playground toward his Eagle Scout award. Troop 336 has been sponsored by the men's Bible class for more than sixty years.

The lay reader program, begun last year, has been continued and new participants prepared via a workshop conducted by Dr. Evans.

Three couples were married this year: Jean Garrett and Thomas E. Glass Jr., Ann Kendal Finley and Christopher Kirk Privette, and Lisa Marie Foster (Wilkesboro Chapel) and Robert Jeffrey Wyatt.

New babies of the congregation: Casey Jackson Norris, daughter of Todd and Cheryl Norris; Aaron Cole Wright, son of Stan and Barbara Wright; Carolyn Neal Faw, daughter of Claude and Debra Faw; Meredith Hughes Hubbard, daughter of Charles and Cathy Hubbard; Emily Warner Yelton, daughter of Gary and Leigh Yelton; Ethan Michael Bouchelle, son of Michael and Tammy Bouchelle; Caroline Summer Page, daughter of Carl and Brenda Page; and Roseann Marie Carrigan and Jennifer Carol Carrigan, daughters of Eddie and Myra Carrigan.

Presented for baptism: Anna McCartney Hill, daughter of Bob and Ami Hill; Marian Grace Johnson, daughter of Glenn and Marolyn Johnson; Benjamin Todd Wayne, son of Dale and Nancy Wayne; Ashley Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Ronnie and Janie Jones; William Hall Parsons, son of Karen and Steve Parsons; Casey Jackson Norris, daughter of Todd and Cheryl Norris; and Shannon Christopher Huffman and Christian Andrew Huffman, sons of Mrs. Deidra Huffman.

We lost four members by death in 1992: Richard Gwyn Finley on Feb. 4th; Isabella G. Gibbs on July 17th, Roberta Miller Marsh on Aug. 1st and Mary Porter Finley on Sept. 23rd. Dismissed to other churches: Nancy Grey Miller, Karen Knox Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burris, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dunn, Jennifer Gilreath, David Myers, Carolyn Linda Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. David Bauguess, Kevin Bauguess, Anna Bauguess and Jennifer Reinhardt. Overall, our membership increased ten percent this year.

The range of our congregation's outreach can be suggested by a listing of its 1992 contributions: Rainbow Center, Wilkes Cares, Wilkes Prison Ministry, Waugh/Danner Dinner, Barium Springs, Grandfather Home, SAFE house, Habitat for Humanity, ADAP, Hurricane Andrew Relief, Joy Gift and Matthew 25.

Such a bare-bones recitation of names and dates cannot begin to suggest the life and vitality, the hopes and aspirations, the striving, the achievements and, sometimes, the failures, which made up the living witness of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church in its first hundred years. The most this brief account can do is to perpetuate the memory of hundreds of individuals and one great spirit that together have been this congregation and to convey the gratitude of those who have felt its presence in their lives. If this history has done these two things, it has succeeded.

As for the church itself, we conclude by quoting from our minister's 1992 report to the congregation: "As we have done for ninety-nine years we will continue to strive to be Christ's agent of reconciliation in a broken and confused world. Together, I believe we made a difference and together I believe we will continue to do so in our 100th year and beyond." Dr. Robert C. Evans III.

## APPENDIX

### Pastors

Rev. Charles W. Robinson 1893- 1938  
 Rev. Watt M. Cooper 1938-1942, 1945-1949, 1957-1970  
 Rev. Louis J. Yelangin (supply) 1943, 1945  
 Rev. Sidney Crane (supply) 1943-1945  
 Rev. James B. MacLeod 1950-1956  
 Rev. James P. Barksdale 1970-1981  
 Dr. Robert W. Kirkpatrick (interim) 1981-1982  
 Dr. Robert C. Evans III 1982-1993

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Stevan A. Snipes 1989-1991

### Directors of Christian Education

Miss Ruth King Wood  
 Miss Amanda Smith  
 Miss Eleanor Godfrey  
 Miss Ann Rutherford  
 Mrs. Carolina F. Finley  
 Mrs. Elaine McCord  
 Miss Darlene Newman  
 Mrs. Doris S. Berry  
 Mrs. Jacqueline D. Hall  
 Stevan A. Snipes  
 Miss Edye Williamson

### OUR OWN IN THE MINISTRY

Seven sons and daughters of our congregation have gone into the Presbyterian ministry. They are:

George MacDonald Ogilvie  
 Charles Donald Coffey III  
 John Gamble Gibbs  
 William Spainhour Bason  
 John T. Ragland Jr.  
 Stevan Alan Snipes  
 Karen Hall Parsons

### THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has been under the direction of Miss Mary Louise Clements, Director of Music, since 1953. Miss Clements also serves as organist.

These are the choir members during the years 1988 to 1993. Those whose names are followed by an asterisk (\*) have served in the choir for twenty or more years:

Sopranos: Mary Elmore Finley \*, Elizabeth H. Finley\*, Ruth MacCachren\*, Carolina Finley\*, Isabella Gibbs\*, Ellen Lipscomb, Karen Worley, Bobbie Dooley, Ami Hill, Nancy Snipes, Jeanene Burris, Sue Barr, Betty Powell\*, Gina Hart, Edye Williamson, Mary Catherine McElwee, Karolen Bowman, Barbara Wiles, Amanda McDowell, Lillian Worley, Jane Klein, Elizabeth C. Finley\*, Heather Barr and Liz Mecum.

Altos: Betty Thompson\*, Irma Ogilvie\*, Nellie Hobson, Viki Taylor, Lavinia Evans, Alice Koster, Jackie Hall\*, Beth Huie, Emily Strader, Jessie Rhodes, Frances Thompson, Kathy Nathan, Jean Garrett Glass, Barbara Wright and Mary Louise Clements\*.

Tenors: Al Stanley, Walter Hobson, Dale Wayne, Edgar Gregory, Ray Burris, Charles Myers, Steve Snipes, Paul Sibley and Syd Spainhour.

Basses: Bob C. Thompson\*, Gordon Finley\*, Bob Hill, Jack Steele, Bill Koster, Richard Collier, Dan McCracken, Harold Thompson, Ben Causey, Joe Trostel, Stan Wright and David Brooks.

#### Active Membership as of April 1993

This is the list of active communicants in the congregation. Non-communicant children are listed in parentheses after their parents.

Michael T. Absher, Mrs. Olaf Adams, Kevin Lee Aita, Mrs. S. Landon Alfriend, Ms. Deborah Baccus, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker (Michael and David), Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barr, Stuart Barr, Heather Barr, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Bauguss, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. David Bender, Mrs. Susan Bender (Joseph), Mrs. Dana Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry, Miss Dorothy Sue Berry, Gary Lee Booth, Mr. and Mrs. James Bouchelle, Dr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Bowman (John, Paul, David and Kathren), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brame III, Mrs. Bonnie A. Brock (Edward C. Jones), Mr. and Mrs. David Brooks (Tyler),

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brooks Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brooks Jr. (Niel), Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Brooks, Mr. William F. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Brown (Jeanne and Laura), Brian Howard Brown, Doug Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Brown, Miss Diana Brown, Mr. Neil Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Miss Susan Bumgarner, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Bushong, Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Byrd,

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carrigan Jr. (Jennifer and Roseann), Mr. and Mrs. Neil G. Cashion Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Neil G. Cashion Jr., Miss Catherine Renee Cashion, Brandon Elledge, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Cashion, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cashman, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Caudill, Ms. Carol Childers, Mrs. John R. Church, Mrs. R. Parks Church, Miss Mary Louise Clements, Miss Sue Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cogdill (Ryan), Wesley Cogdill, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collier (Scott), Mr. Aaron Collier, Mrs. Charles W. Colvard, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Craft, Miss Ashli Craft, Andrew Craft, Mr. and Mrs. Trent Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham (Elizabeth), Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Curl (Nathan David), Miss Angela Curl, Mrs. Drew Czerkawski (Richard A. Pierce),

Mr. and Mrs. Neil M. Dalrymple, Jr. (Carol), Miss Susan Dalrymple, Mr. Eugene T. Dancy, Mr. Russell Dancy, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Day, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dooley, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. John Eikenberry, Scott Eikenberry, Stephen Eikenberry, Mr and Mrs. Michael Eller (Nathan), Mrs. Robert C. Evans III, S. Vann Evans, C.C. Faw Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Faw III (Katherine, Joel and Carolyn), Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Finley Jr., Miss Carol Kyles Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Finley, Miss Mary Elmore Finley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cameron Finley (William and Robert), Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Fletcher (Ashley, Jesse and Sarah), Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ford, Mrs. Roy W. Forehand, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen T. Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis M. Francis (Morgan and Ian),

Mr. and Mrs. Winton Gaither, Mrs. Harry Galifianakis, Gregory Galifianakis, Zachery Galifianakis, Miss Merritt Galifianakis, Mrs. Maybelle Galt, Miss Isabella Gibbs, Mrs. Judy Gilreath (Charley and Tommie), Mrs. Thomas E. Glass Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bryan F. Goad, Miss Julie Goad, Mrs. Andre L. Goulet, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar G. Gregory (Meredith), Mr. E. Bernard Gregory, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gresham III (Zachary and Jacob), Mr. and Mrs. Richard Griffin, Mr. Christopher Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Blair Gwyn,

Mrs. Claude M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ted M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hall (Mary Allison), R. Sterling Hall, Mrs. Brian K. Hemric, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hendren, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hill Jr. (Stuart, Patrick and Anna), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoekstra, Donald A. Hoekstra, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Hobson, Mrs. Theodore J. Holder, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Holt, Miss Allison Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Holt, Jr., Mrs. Joseph F. Horne, Dixon Smith Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Hubbard (Sydnor and Meredith), Mrs. Fred C. Hubbard Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hubbard Sr., John W. Hubbard Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hudson, Miss Mindy Hudson, Miss Aimee Hudson, Mrs. Diedra Huffman (Shannon and Christian), Mr. and Mrs. Richard Huie, Mr. and Mrs. William Hurd,

Mrs. Charles S. Jackson (Janet, Mary and Lauren), Mrs. Glenn Johnson (Marian), T. R. Johnson, Alan Craig Johnson, Steven Lloyd Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Johnston, Mrs. Ronnie Jones (Ashley), Thomas E. Jones, Mrs. Charles T. Justin, Charles T. Justin Jr., Miss Helen G. Justin, Nicholas D. Justin, Mrs. Ora B. Keener, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither M. Keener (Joseph and Elizabeth), Dr. and Mrs. Philip Keener, Philip C. Keener, Christopher B. Keener, Rebecca Courtney Keener, Mrs. Elmer Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney L. Kerley, Adam P. Kerley, Rodney A. Kerley, Mrs. Ray Kilby (Derek), Mrs. Robert F. Kite, Charles D. Klein, Dr. and Mrs. James Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Koster;

Mrs. Henry C. Landon Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Landon III, Henry Clayton Landon IV, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lankford, Ted H. Lankford, Ona Frances Lankford, Joel Lesser, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. William Lipscomb, (James and Peter), Ms. Revis Ann Lovette, Mrs. Paul McCabe (Eleanor), Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCachren, Matthew S. McCachren, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Yates McConnell, A. S. McCord, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDowell, Raymond A. McDowell, Amanda E. McDowell, John P. McElwee, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElwee, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElwee III, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. McKinney (Travis), Mrs. Staton McIver, Mrs. W. E. McManus, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNeil, Richard M. McNeil, Heather A. McNeil, *W.H. (Willie) McElwee, Mary Catherine McElwee*,

Mrs. Ralph Marler, Seth E. Mason, Perry D. Mathis, Brian V. Mathis, Mrs. Howard Meade, Michael H. Meade, Robert A. Meade, Timothy B. Mecum, C. Allen Miller (Jessica and Allison), Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Miller, Mrs. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monday (Adam B. Bailey), Miss Amy Frances Bailey, Robert H. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Moore, Miss Crystal A. Moore, Mrs. Debbie Moser (Kimberly and Stephanie), Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Musson (Elizabeth), Miss Erin M. Musson, Miss Devon T. Musson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Myers, John C. Myers, Mrs. Wayne Myers,

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Todd P. Norris (Jessica, Kristen and Casey), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ogburn, Mr. John T. Ogburn, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Ogilvie, Miss Kate C. Ogilvie, Mrs. Sam R. Ogilvie, Samuel R. Ogilvie Jr., Mrs. Dorothy J. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page (Chelsea and Caroline), Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey B. Pagett (Julian), Mr. and Mrs. Steven W. Palmer (Joseph, Andrew and Laura), Mrs. Deborah Pardue (Dennis Jr. and Cory), Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Parsons (Joshua), Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Payne, Jeffrey David Payne, Paul L. Payne, Jr., Miss Lena Peterson, Miss Alyssa Peterson, Clayton Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Prince (Jason).

Charles P. Reece, Mrs. Joe V. Reinhardt, Mrs. Jack Rhyne (Robert and Johanna), Andrew L. Rhyne, Mrs. Jessie W. Rhodes, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Richardson, Mrs. Edward Runnion, Mrs. W. M. Rusch (Linda Duffy), Miss Karen K. Duffy, Mrs. Martha Searcy, Alvin R. Searcy Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Shell, William T. Shell, Leslie G. Shell IV, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Shell, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shoemaker (Jayme), Mrs. Vincent Shumate (Olivia and Grant), Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold Simpson, Mrs. Charles S. Sink Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Sink III (Shelton), Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Sloop (Ben and Margaret), Mrs. Margaret M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Smithey (Arthur), Mrs. Henry Smithey, Mr. and Mrs. Perry S. Snipes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Snipes (James and Katherine), Mrs. Stevan A. Snipes (Laura and Rachel), Mrs. L. H. Snyder, Mrs. David Southern (Margaret and David), Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Spainhour,

Mr. and Mrs. Syd Spainhour (Julian), Miss Kristina Spainhour, Wesley J. Spainhour, Dr. and Mrs. Al Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. J. David Steed (John and Ashley), Mrs. James W. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Steele Jr. (Emily and Andrew), Dr. and Mrs. Clark W. Stevens Jr. (Clark III), Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stinson (Justin), David Chadwick Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Strader (David), Miss Tara Leigh Strader, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Stroud (William Neil and Daniel), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reid Sturdivant III (Carter), Reid Sturdivant IV, Charles M. Summers (James), Charles E. Summers Jr.

Mrs. Robert G. Taylor, Jr. (William David), Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Taylor (Margaret), Erin Lynn Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Bob C. Thompson, Mrs. Harold Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Tisdale, Jr., Miss Kimberly Elizabeth Tisdale, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas T. Tomlin (Tracy), Miss Gina Kaye Hart, Mrs. Sterling Tomlin, Stephen Douglas Tomlin, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Trice (John and Anna), Mrs. Margaret L. Turner (Robert and Anna),

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Underwood, William G. Underwood, Nathan F. Underwood, Erin A. Underwood, William J. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Wade (Joseph and Daniel), Mrs. Joe Ward (Joseph and Christopher), Mr. and Mrs. William M. Watts (Charles and James), William M. Watts III, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dale Wayne (Emily and Benjamin), Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Wessman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitesides, Derik J. Broach, David A. Broach,

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiles, Mrs. Ralph Williams, Ms. M. Edye Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. James Worley, Kathryn M. Worley, Lillian N. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wright (Robert and Aaron), Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Yale, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett E. Yelton (Emily), and Joe S. Zimmerman Jr.







